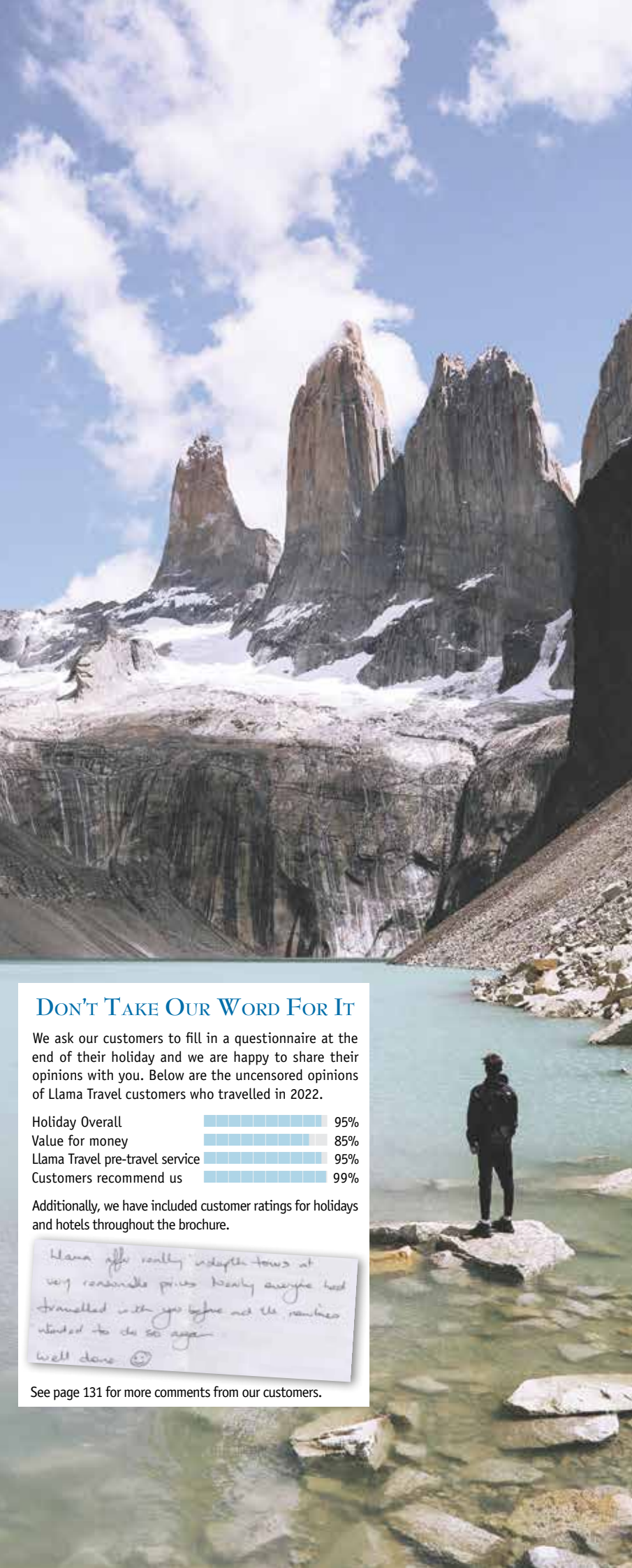




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JANUARY 2023 - APRIL 2024





LLAMA TRAVEL

We are delighted to be celebrating our 20th anniversary with the launch of our first worldwide brochure. I set up Llama Travel in 2002 with the aim of offering the best possible holidays at the best possible prices. We are now well established as one of the UK's leading Latin America tour operators, and our programmes to Africa, Jordan and Europe are getting feedback that is every bit as good.

In this brochure, you will also find holidays to Asia, which offer the same combination of quality, great value and expertise that has been so successful on our current holidays. Covid showed the importance of picking the right tour operator, and has given us plenty of opportunity to do the right thing by our customers. We'd love to show you why you should choose Llama Travel for your next adventure.

Luca Newbold

7 GOOD REASONS TO CHOOSE LLAMA TRAVEL

1. Our holidays really are better

We used the time when travel wasn't possible to make our holidays even better. The feedback from our customers shows they agree, with customers rating their holidays 95 out of 100 in 2022.

2. We look after you, no matter what

We have always looked after our customers when the unexpected happens. When covid travel restrictions were put in place in 2020, we got all our overseas customers back home quickly and without hassle. And we offered all customers whose holidays could not go ahead a full refund. The feedback from these customers has been just as good as from those who have travelled with us, and our efforts in refunding customers were recognised by Which? Travel and The Guardian.

3. Your money is protected

Llama Travel holidays are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Llama Travel has a strong financial position with substantial reserves and no debt. This has meant that we have been able to provide refunds promptly, even, for example, when we haven't received money back from airlines.

4. Our prices really are lower - guaranteed

Because of the way we work, our costs are lower and so are our prices. If, when you book, you find a genuinely comparable holiday available at a better price elsewhere, we will reduce our price to beat the other one.

5. Speak to someone who's been there

Our staff have travelled extensively, so wherever you want to go, you can speak to someone who has been there.

6. Choose exactly the holiday you want

We have over 100 itineraries in this brochure, and you can mix and match extensions to design your own holiday. Just let us know your requirements.

7. Our holidays give you more time

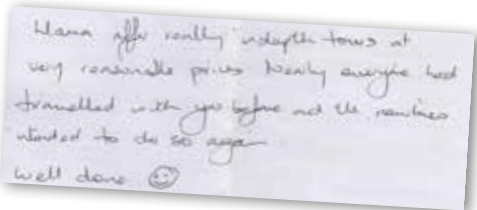
Llama Travel itineraries include more time at each destination than other operators. You have more time to acclimatise and more time to explore. The difference is we don't charge you more.

DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

We ask our customers to fill in a questionnaire at the end of their holiday and we are happy to share their opinions with you. Below are the uncensored opinions of Llama Travel customers who travelled in 2022.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--|-----|
| Holiday Overall | | 95% |
| Value for money | | 85% |
| Llama Travel pre-travel service | | 95% |
| Customers recommend us | | 99% |

Additionally, we have included customer ratings for holidays and hotels throughout the brochure.



See page 131 for more comments from our customers.

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Llama Travel is a member of the Latin American Travel Association.



Llama Travel is an IATA accredited agent.



TRAVELLING RESPONSIBLY

Llama Travel recognises that tourism has a significant impact, both on the lives of local people and on the natural environment. When carried out sensitively, this impact can be very positive, providing employment and income as well as encouraging the preservation of local resources and culture. The economic benefit comes more directly than most other forms of export; through restaurants, shops and other services supplied by locals.

Many countries visited by Llama Travel are poor, and to make a living, natural resources have always been exploited by locals, e.g. through logging in the Amazon rainforest. However, as tourism has become more important economically, there is a growing recognition of the need to preserve natural resources. This can be seen through the increasing number of eco-lodges, where many locals who once would have been involved in hunting or destruction of the forest are now involved in preservation.

Llama Travel works with local companies and organisations to try to ensure that our holidays are beneficial for the people of the destinations we visit. We ask you to help with this:

- Support the local economy by buying local produce and services.
- Respect local people and culture, especially when taking photographs.
- Respect the behaviour and habitat of wildlife.
- Do not buy products made from endangered species or tropical hardwoods.
- Support local environmental projects and those designed to preserve local heritage.
- Please do not litter.

All Llama Travel excursions are taken with knowledgeable local guides who are fluent in English, and often in other local languages. Some trips include sections without guides; in these cases drivers may have only rudimentary English. We feel that the use of local guides aids the traveller in a better understanding of their destination, as well as working to better the lives of people living in the local community. We try to ensure that all local staff we work with are treated and paid well. However, some of the local companies we work with may not always share these concerns. If you come across anyone on your holiday that you think is being exploited, please bring this to our attention.

Practical ACTION

Llama Travel supports the work overseas of Practical Action, a development organisation founded in the UK in 1965 by Fritz Schumacher, who coined the phrase 'small is beautiful' to describe the need to apply small-scale technology to reduce poverty. Practical Action helps people in local communities to develop ingenious, lasting and locally owned solutions for agriculture, water and waste management, climate resilience and clean energy. In this way, people in poverty can improve their lives. Llama Travel is particularly impressed with the way Practical Action operates, working with local people to develop appropriate solutions that have a long-term impact on their lives.

If you would like to join us in helping Practical Action, see our carbon emissions scheme on page 128.

COSTA RICA GUATEMALA & PANAMA

Costa Rica is one of the world's great ecological wonders. In an area only two and a half times the size of Wales, there are smoking volcanoes, verdant rainforest, amazing tropical beaches and wonderful cloud forest. The wildlife is abundant, with monkeys, sloths, iguanas, turtles and over 850 species of birds. Nearby Guatemala is an incredibly diverse country, with fabulous Maya ruins in the rainforest, stunning lakes and volcanoes, traditional markets and cultures as well as beautiful colonial cities. Panama is renowned for the Panama Canal, a great engineering feat, and its lovely old town.

Thanks to their small sizes, you can get an incredible variety of experiences in a short trip, visiting each country individually or combining for a longer holiday.



WHEN TO GO

December to April are the driest months, although rain is common throughout the year, especially on the Caribbean coast. May to November are wetter, although mornings are usually sunny with rain in the afternoon. Each country is greenest towards the end of the rainy season.

Temperatures range from hot on both coasts in Costa Rica and northern Guatemala (highs over 30°C throughout the year) to cool in the mountains. In the cloud forest, temperatures can drop below 10°C at night.

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|----------------|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Antigua | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 23 | 25 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 24 | 23 | 22 | |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 12 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 13 | |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 8 | 3 | 13 | 31 | 15 | 27 | 20 | 20 | 23 | 17 | 2 | 8 |
| San José | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 24 | 24 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 24 | |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 14 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 14 | |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 30 | 30 | 15 | 4 |
| Manuel Antonio | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 31 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 31 | |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 22 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 22 | |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 5 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 39 | 42 | 44 | 47 | 54 | 53 | 35 | 16 |

CUSTOMER RATINGS

Below are the overall scores from Llama Travel customers for holidays to Costa Rica in 2022.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Holiday Overall | <div style="width: 96%;"></div> | 96% |
| Value for money | <div style="width: 86%;"></div> | 86% |
| Costa Rica as a holiday destination | <div style="width: 98%;"></div> | 98% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="width: 90%;"></div> | 90% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> | 83% |



HOTELS

PARK INN HOTEL, SAN JOSE

This comfortable hotel is situated close to the centre of San José. There is an outdoor terrace and pool, a restaurant and bar, and rooms have en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|--|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 75%;"><div style="width: 75%;"></div></div> | 75% |
| Service | <div style="width: 70%;"><div style="width: 70%;"></div></div> | 70% |
| Location | <div style="width: 71%;"><div style="width: 71%;"></div></div> | 71% |

MARRIOTT HACIENDA BELEN, SAN JOSE

Located on the edge of the city, this former hacienda is set on a 30-acre coffee plantation, with two swimming pools, a golf driving range and a coffee-inspired spa. There are two restaurants, a cafe and spacious en-suite rooms with air conditioning.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|--|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 79%;"><div style="width: 79%;"></div></div> | 79% |
| Service | <div style="width: 83%;"><div style="width: 83%;"></div></div> | 83% |
| Location | <div style="width: 83%;"><div style="width: 83%;"></div></div> | 83% |

ANINGA LODGE, TORTUGUERO

Near the national park with a pool and tropical gardens surrounded by waterways. There is a bar and restaurant and the cabaña rooms are en-suite with ceiling fans.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|--|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 87%;"><div style="width: 87%;"></div></div> | 87% |
| Service | <div style="width: 83%;"><div style="width: 83%;"></div></div> | 83% |
| Location | <div style="width: 96%;"><div style="width: 96%;"></div></div> | 96% |

MANATUS HOTEL, TORTUGUERO

Beautiful lodge close to the national park with a pool, restaurant, small gym and spa. Spacious rooms with air conditioning, en-suite bathrooms and private solarium. Excursions are taken in smaller groups than at the Aninga Lodge.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|--|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 93%;"><div style="width: 93%;"></div></div> | 93% |
| Service | <div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div> | 99% |
| Location | <div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div> | 99% |

ARENAL MANOA, ARENAL

Lovely hotel with lush gardens, swimming pools, natural hot spring jacuzzis, a spa and also a restaurant and snack bar. Rooms have a terrace, air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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|----------|--|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 90%;"><div style="width: 90%;"></div></div> | 90% |
| Service | <div style="width: 87%;"><div style="width: 87%;"></div></div> | 87% |
| Location | <div style="width: 87%;"><div style="width: 87%;"></div></div> | 87% |

HOTEL NAYARA, ARENAL

En-suite rooms are individual casitas with a balcony overlooking the volcano or jungle canopy, a jacuzzi, and air conditioning. Tropical gardens, pool, spa and restaurant.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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|----------|--|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div> | 99% |
| Service | <div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div> | 99% |
| Location | <div style="width: 83%;"><div style="width: 83%;"></div></div> | 83% |

VILLA BLANCA CLOUD FOREST HOTEL

Set in a 2,000 acre private cloud forest reserve, with its own chapel and dairy farm, this lovely hacienda-style hotel has 34 casitas with wood-burning fireplaces and en-suite bathrooms. There is an on-site spa, restaurant and bar.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|--|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 83%;"><div style="width: 83%;"></div></div> | 83% |
| Service | <div style="width: 84%;"><div style="width: 84%;"></div></div> | 84% |
| Location | <div style="width: 85%;"><div style="width: 85%;"></div></div> | 85% |

BEST OF COSTA RICA

SAN JOSE TORTUGUERO ARENAL LOS ANGELES CLOUD FOREST

11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS FROM £2349



Admire Arenal Volcano from your hotel

This holiday visits some of the most incredible parts of Costa Rica, allowing you to experience the central highlands, the Caribbean jungle, volcanoes and the beautiful cloud forest.

Tortuguero, on the Caribbean coast, is home to jungle waterways with abundant wildlife, including nesting turtles. Staying in a comfortable lodge, the guides will help you discover the surrounding rainforest.

Then visit Arenal to enjoy the views of the volcano from your hotel and explore the area on foot, and in the tree tops on a canopy walking tour or an exciting zipline adventure before

relaxing in the thermal springs. Explore the Los Angeles cloud forest where the abundant high-altitude forest grows amongst the clouds. It provides a home to a wide variety of plants, insects, birds and mammals, which thrive thanks to the minimal human impact on the area.

San José, capital of Costa Rica, is wonderfully located in the central valley, surrounded by plantations producing some of the finest coffee in the world.

Customer Rating for Best of Costa Rica

Overall 96%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) San José Fly from the UK to San José, where you are met and taken to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 2 (Fri) San José Take the optional San José & Coffee Plantation excursion to explore downtown, then visit a plantation out of the city to learn how coffee is produced.

Day 3 (Sat) Tortuguero A beautiful 4-hour coach journey through the Braulio Carrillo National Park, then take a 2-hour boat ride to your jungle lodge in Tortuguero (2 nights). The boat cruises along jungle waterways inhabited by monkeys and varied birdlife. After lunch, you can visit the community of Tortuguero to learn about efforts to protect the turtles.

Day 4 (Sun) Tortuguero Explore the secondary canals of the jungle. At some periods of the year you can arrange a turtle-watching tour to see sea turtles arriving to lay eggs at night.

Day 5 (Mon) Arenal A morning boat ride to Caño Blanco. After lunch, take a beautiful road journey, arriving in Arenal in the late afternoon, where you can enjoy views of the volcano (3 nights).

Day 6 (Tue) Arenal Take the optional Hanging Bridges & Hot Springs excursion to explore the forest on a canopy walking tour then relax in the hot springs. You can also take the optional

Ziplining Adventure for something to get your heart racing.

Day 7 (Wed) Arenal Take the optional Chocolate & Waterfall excursion, where you explore the beautiful La Fortuna falls then learn how chocolate is grown and made.

Day 8 (Thu) Los Angeles Cloud Forest A final morning to enjoy the beautiful setting of Arenal. After lunch, take a two-hour transfer to Villa Blanca, a secluded hotel in its own cloud forest reserve.

Day 9 (Fri) Los Angeles Cloud Forest In the morning, take the first part of the Villa Blanca Day & Night excursion. Have the rest of the day free to explore the trails on your own, before taking the second part of the optional excursion, spotting nocturnal species and fascinating nocturnal plants as you see how the cloud forest differs from night to day. If you are interested in seeing quetzals, please ask us about the Quetzal Tour.

Day 10 (Sat) Travel two hours to San José airport for your overnight flight to the UK.

Day 11 (Sun) Arrival in the UK.

Extend your holiday with a trip to Manuel Antonio Beach, Corcovado Coast, Pacuare, Guatemala or Panama. See pages 8 - 13.



Navigate the jungle waterways of Tortuguero



Spot diverse birdlife all over Costa Rica



Relax in the thermal pools heated by the Arenal Volcano, surrounded by the forest

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

SAN JOSE & COFFEE PLANTATION

This full-day excursion combines daily life in the capital with an insight into Costa Rica's history. Start with a walking tour of San José where you visit the cathedral, National Theatre and Gold Museum, then stroll through the pedestrianised Central Avenue to the market. Transfer to Doka Coffee Plantation, nestled in the foothills of Poás Volcano on the city's outskirts, for lunch and a tour of the farm where some of the world's finest coffee is produced.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 76%

HANGING BRIDGES & HOT SPRINGS

Start after lunch with a visit to the Arenal Hanging Bridges, where a network of trails and suspension bridges lets you experience the rainforest from different perspectives, witnessing the wildlife on each level, looking for monkeys, birds and sloths. Then set off for the hot springs, which consist of large and small pools of mineral waters heated by Arenal Volcano set in tropical gardens. Hot water rivers run throughout the grounds, forming waterfalls and pools, some secluded, where you can bathe. Dinner is included. Remember to pack swimwear.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 87%



Enjoy our Ziplining Adventure with views of Arenal Volcano

ZIPLINING ADVENTURE

Costa Rica is renowned for its ziplining and other canopy activities, and there's no better place to do this than in the depths of the lush rainforest near Arenal Volcano. After a safety briefing, take a 15-minute aerial tram to the start of the course. Equipped with harnesses, you make your way through the jungle clearings, gliding on a series of cables ranging from 25 to 750 metres long. A good general level of fitness is required.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 92%

CHOCOLATE & WATERFALL

In the morning, visit an open-air butterfly garden and orchid trail, home to over 150 kinds of orchids as well as sloths, toucans and orioles. The 500-metre downhill trail is carved into the hillside and ends at the bottom of the La Fortuna waterfall where you can swim in the natural pool or simply enjoy the scenery. After lunch, enjoy a chocolate tour (and tasting!) on a family-run organic farm, where you discover the history of cocoa and learn the chocolate-making process from bean to bar.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 86%

DAY & NIGHT CLOUD FOREST

In the morning, get up close and personal with birds, monkeys, amphibians and insects in their natural habitat as you follow the trails in the mountain cloud forest. You then have the day free, before experiencing the contrast of the cloud forest as dusk falls, with your guide taking you on trails after dark. Observe the nocturnal creatures emerging from their hideaways.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 78%

Alternatively, take our Quetzal Tour & Night Walk. Take a scenic journey through cloud forest to a family-run farm where the elusive quetzal resides. This excursion is only available for our February, March and April departures.



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Best of Costa Rica (9 nights) | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| 9 February 2023 | 2559 |
| 16 February 2023 | 2559 |
| 2 March 2023 | 2529 |
| 9 March 2023 | 2479 |
| 16 March 2023 | 2479 |
| 23 March 2023 | 2529 |
| 30 March 2023 | 2529 |
| 6 April 2023 | 2479 |
| 13 April 2023 | 2449 |
| 27 July 2023 | 2699 |
| 10 August 2023 | 2699 |
| 2 November 2023 | 2399 |
| 9 November 2023 | 2499 |
| 23 November 2023 | 2429 |
| 30 November 2023 | 2399 |
| 4 January 2024 | 2379 |
| 11 January 2024 | 2379 |
| 18 January 2024 | 2379 |
| 25 January 2024 | 2379 |
| 1 February 2024 | 2409 |
| 8 February 2024 | 2409 |
| 15 February 2024 | 2409 |
| 22 February 2024 | 2409 |
| 29 February 2024 | 2379 |
| 7 March 2024 | 2379 |
| 14 March 2024 | 2379 |
| 21 March 2024 | 2379 |
| 28 March 2024 | 2379 |
| 4 April 2024 | 2349 |
| 11 April 2024 | 2349 |
| 2023 Single supplement | 600 |
| 2024 Single supplement | 650 |

Prices from London; regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| San José | Park Inn |
| Tortuguero | Aninga Lodge |
| Arenal | Arenal Manoa |
| Los Angeles | Villa Blanca |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except in Tortuguero, where all meals are included

Superior hotels* Supplement

| | | | |
|------------|----------|------|---------------|
| San José | Marriott | £120 | (£240 single) |
| Tortuguero | Manatus | £330 | (£330 single) |
| Arenal | Nayara | £450 | (£900 single) |

Special Offer: Upgrade in San Jose, Arenal & Tortuguero from only **£789** (£1289 single)*

* Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details

Optional Excursions

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| San José & Coffee Plantation | £160 |
| Hanging Bridges & Hot Springs | £150 |
| Day & Night Cloud Forest | £75 |

Special Offer:

| | |
|--|------|
| All three excursions from just £339 | |
| Chocolate & Waterfall | £85 |
| Ziplining Adventure | £85 |
| Quetzal Tour & Night Walk | £175 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking



Park Inn Hotel, San José



Aninga Lodge, Tortuguero



Arenal Manoa, Arenal



Marriott Hacienda Belen, San José



Manatus Hotel, Tortuguero



Hotel Nayara, Arenal



Villa Blanca Cloud Forest Hotel

EXTENSIONS TO HOLIDAYS IN COSTA RICA

MANUEL ANTONIO BEACH

3 NIGHTS FROM £489



MANUEL ANTONIO HOTEL

HOTEL PARADOR



A beautiful Mediterranean-style hotel in 5 hectares of gardens and private rainforest, this hotel is located on the densely-forested Punta Quepos peninsula, offering stunning views across the Pacific Ocean. The hotel has 3 swimming pools, tennis courts, spa, several restaurants and a bar. The spacious garden rooms have air conditioning, terraces and en-suite bathrooms. The premium rooms have views of the ocean.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 95%
 Service 86%
 Location 94%

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| Manuel Antonio Beach | | | |
|---|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hotel Parador, Manuel Antonio | 3 nights | each extra night | single supplement per night |
| Garden Room | £489 | £150 | £150 |
| Premium Room | £594 | £185 | £185 |
| Board: bed and breakfast | | | |
| <i>Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details</i> | | | |



Dip your toes in the water on the jungle-fringed beach of Manuel Antonio

Costa Rica's stunning Pacific coast, with wonderful beaches fringed with tropical forest is a great option for a beach extension to your holiday. In Manuel Antonio the verdant hills roll into the ocean, with white sandy beaches and warm waters for swimming.

The Manuel Antonio National Park is 10 minutes from the Hotel Parador. The smallest park in Costa Rica, it's only 6 square miles, with jungle wildlife including sloths, coatis, monkeys, toucans and macaws. Trails are well maintained, and guided tours are available locally, or you can wander on your own. The beautiful beaches in the park are the best in the area. An entrance fee is payable. The hotel runs free shuttle buses in the morning and the afternoon, and taxis are readily available.

There are many beaches close to the Hotel Parador. The closest is a beautiful sandy cove 5 minutes walk down (and back up!) a track. Most of the beaches are safe

for swimming, but some have strong currents, so ask if you are unsure as there are no lifeguards on duty. The nearby town of Quepos has some good restaurants and bars and you can arrange sports fishing tours. Snorkelling excursions, ocean kayaking, mangrove tours and canopy tours are also available.

This extension extends your holiday by 3 nights. From Villa Blanca, you have a 4-hour transfer to Manuel Antonio. You then have the afternoon and the next two days free to relax and explore the area. Then take a 3-hour transfer back to San José airport. On some occasions a final night in San José may be necessary.

You can also add a visit to Corcovado coast to this extension. See page 10 for more details.

Customer Rating for Manuel Antonio

Overall 92%



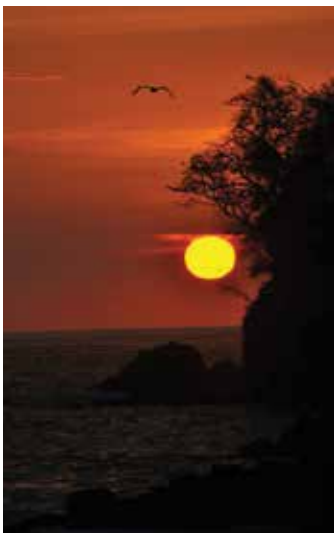
Spot sleepy sloths in the treetops as you hike through the rainforest



The area is home to more than 350 bird species, including scarlet macaws



Discover the National Park's outstanding and diverse wildlife



Take in spectacular sunsets each evening

PACUARE LODGE

3 NIGHTS FROM £1399



Arrive in style at the Pacuare lodge by white-water rafting down the Pacuare river

Tucked away on the riverbank overlooking the spectacular Pacuare River, within 25,000 acres of pristine rainforest, the multi award-winning eco-lodge is one of the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. Accessible only by 4x4 or white-water raft, and with just 20 suites and thatched bungalows in total, Pacuare promises a secluded experience, away from civilisation. Inspired by its magnificent natural setting, the spacious Nairi Awari main lodge is a palm-thatched, two-story structure. Suites and bungalows are carefully designed to blend into the forest and with teak wood flooring, private verandas, solar-heated alfresco showers and a panoramic jungle view. There

is a spa, swimming pool, organic gourmet restaurant and wine cellar.

Arrive in style on a white-water raft, gliding along the river past gorgeous tropical scenery with plenty of birdlife around the riverbanks. Hearty gourmet meals and a range of activities are included in your stay, so you can choose from birdwatching, waterfall visits and jungle hikes with chances to spot jaguars, monkeys and sloths. The lodge's dedication to the environment and local communities means that guests also have a positive impact.

All meals and excursions are included.

ITINERARY

Day 1 San José Fly from the UK to San José, where you are met and taken to your hotel.

Day 2 San José Optional San José & Coffee excursion.

Day 3 Pacuare An early start for the 2.5 hour drive through the countryside, stopping en route for a traditional Costa Rican breakfast. Climb aboard the white-water raft for an exhilarating 1.5 hour ride down the river, arriving at the lodge in time for lunch. Soak up the peaceful surroundings or take an excursion, then sit down to a candlelit dinner.

Day 4 Pacuare Choose from birdwatching, rainforest hikes, local community visits or more adventurous activities, or spend the day at the Jawa Juü Spa and by the pool.

Day 5 Pacuare After breakfast, leave the lodge on a white-water raft and ride past waterfalls, canyons and rainforest for 2.5 hours. Have a deli-style lunch on the riverbank then transfer to San José, arriving in the evening.

Day 6 - Day 16 Follow itinerary on page 6.

Ask us if you would like additional nights in Pacuare.



Local guides will help you to spot birds and other wildlife on a rainforest hike



PACUARE LODGE



Pacuare Lodge's spacious garden suites include a private terrace that opens to a landscape of native bush gardens and a wall of thick rainforest. Each room has a well-appointed king-sized bed with Italian linens and Egyptian cotton. The en suite bathroom offers panoramic views of the surrounding jungle, and there is a private alfresco heated shower nearby.



Relax in the jungle view infinity pool



Unwind in the Jawa Juü Spa



Watch the jungle from the comfort of your balcony

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Pacuare Lodge (3 nights) | |
| Garden Suite | £1399 (£1799 single) |
| Hotels included in prices above | |
| Pacuare | Pacuare Lodge |
| San José | Park Inn |
| Ask us for extra cost for Hotel Marriott, San José | |
| If taking the San José & Coffee Plantation excursion, add £100 to the excursion price on p7 | |
| Board: full board at Pacuare Lodge | |
| Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details | |

EXTENSIONS TO HOLIDAYS IN COSTA RICA

CORCOVADO COAST

4 NIGHTS FROM £1859



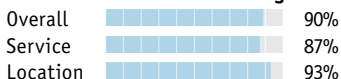
CORCOVADO HOTEL

CASA CORCOVADO JUNGLE LODGE



The hotel has two swimming pools, a restaurant and a bar. The comfortable rooms are in bungalows spaced in private gardens throughout the property. The rooms have 24 hour electricity, and en-suite bathrooms with hot water. Each bungalow has ceiling fans and an outdoor terrace with a hammock for you to relax in. Casa Corcovado is the closest accommodation to the national park, and is just a mile from the beach.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



Stay in a bungalow with the sounds of the rainforest



Go snorkelling on the nearby beach



Take a birdwatching hike through the rainforest

| Corcovado Coast | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| (4 nights) | |
| Bungalow Deluxe | £1859 (£2109 single) |
| Hotels included in prices above | |
| Corcovado | Casa Corcovado |
| San José | Park Inn |
| Ask us for extra cost for Hotel Marriott, San José | |
| Board: full board at Casa Corcovado | |
| Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details | |



The wild and rugged beaches of Corcovado

Located on the remote Osa Peninsula, the Corcovado National Park is one of the most pristine and spectacular areas in all of Costa Rica. Corcovado is often referred to as the jewel in the crown of Costa Rica's national parks, and its lush rainforest, which descends to the ocean, is one of the most biodiverse areas on the planet. Your trip includes a tour of the park, where you can see scarlet macaws, jaguars, howler monkeys and more.

As part of your stay, you also take a boat to Caño Island, a tropical paradise filled with palm trees and white sandy beaches just off the shore from Casa Corcovado. At certain times of the year, you may see humpback whales and dolphins along the way. The coral reefs provide excellent snorkelling and this is a great place for spotting a wide variety of

marine wildlife, including parrotfish, barracudas, turtles, manta rays and small white-tipped sharks. Additional activities in the Corcovado area include kayaking, horse-riding and scuba diving.

Casa Corcovado Jungle Lodge is a 170-acre private reserve bordering the National Park. Getting here is part of the adventure, as there are no roads to the lodge, so the only access is by boat. Casa Corcovado Jungle Lodge is the nearest accommodation to the park, and is just a mile from the beach, where you can snorkel or swim. All meals and excursions are included.

Customer Rating for Corcovado Coast



ITINERARY

Day 1-9 Follow itinerary on page 6.

Day 10 Corcovado Fly from San José to Drake Bay then take boat journey to your lodge. Arrive in time for lunch, then go swimming or snorkelling at a nearby beach.

Day 11 Corcovado Take a guided tour of Corcovado National Park, keeping an eye out for monkeys and exotic birdlife.

Day 12 Corcovado Visit Caño Island, from where

you can snorkel in the coral reefs. Then perhaps go birdwatching, relax on the beaches near the hotel, or try kayaking.

Day 13-15 San José Fly from Drake Bay to San José, where you spend the night before flying overnight to the UK.

You can add the Corcovado Coast extension after Manuel Antonio. Ask us or see our website for details.



Spot four types of monkey around Corcovado National Park



Hike through the park, on the lookout for tapirs, jaguars and macaws



Enjoy the sunset from the garden terrace



You can snorkel off Caño Blanco Island

PANAMA CITY & CANAL

3 NIGHTS FROM £599



Watch cargo ships passing through the Miraflores Lock on the Panama Canal

Panama City, capital of the Republic of Panama, is best known for its historic canal, which provides ships with direct access from the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea. The canal affects many aspects of the city from the architecture in the old town to the continuing financial prosperity of Panama City.

A project that was completed in 1914, the canal was a long time coming, with everyone from the Spanish conquistadors and French to the Colombians recognising the potential benefits it held. It was finally completed by the Americans and remained under control of the US until 1999, when control was handed over to Panama. Today it is regarded as one of the most strategic waterways in the world.

Panama City itself has a strong international feel thanks to the many financial institutions located in

the modern town. Business people from around the world are attracted to the city, giving it an exciting fast-paced edge, while the cultural mix lends it a cosmopolitan vibe. Wandering the modern streets, as you are dwarfed by shiny glass skyscrapers on all sides, is a complete contrast to Casco Viejo, the city's old town. This presents a characterful and more laid back side to the metropolis. A small neighbourhood, the old town is crammed with history. As a throwback to the days of the Panama Canal's construction phase, there is a mixture of architectural styles from Spanish colonial buildings to French and Antillean buildings, all easily observed on a stroll through the pretty cobbled streets. Here one cannot help but marvel at the development this city has undergone as a result of the famous canal.

ITINERARY

Days 1 - 9 Follow Best of Costa Rica holiday (see page 6).

Day 10 Panama City Fly to Panama City, where you are met and taken to your hotel (3 nights).

Day 11 Panama City Today, visit the iconic canal on a half day city tour. First, head to the Miraflores Lock and visitor center and witness the ocean liners and cargo ships traveling through the canal and learn about its construction and current-day significance. Then visit Casco Viejo, Panama City's old town. Stroll the cobbled streets taking in the area's lovely

old architecture and iconic buildings. Return to your hotel and enjoy a free afternoon.

Day 12 Panama City Enjoy a free day in Panama City to explore at your leisure, or take a day trip to one of the interesting locations just outside of the city. Perhaps take a boat ride on the canal itself.

Days 13 - 14 Fly overnight to the UK, arriving the next day.

This extension can also be taken at the start of your Costa Rica holiday. Additional nights may be required to align with flights.



Wander the streets of Casco Viejo, Panama City's old town



See Panama City's modern skyline

PANAMA CANAL BOAT RIDE



Get a closer look at how the Panama Canal locks function

Having already seen the canal from the shore, why not take a boat ride passing through the locks? The partial canal crossing sets sail from the Flamenco Marina and as you enter the canal you get a great view of the city and the other ships in the gulf. The boat will be secured with mooring lines and then electric locomotives will pull the vessel along. Travel through locks and basins, ending in Gamboa, a small town up the canal from Panama City. This excursion departs on most Fridays and Saturdays. A full canal transit is available on some dates.



Admire the architecture of Panama City's Old Town

PANAMA CITY HOTELS

LE MERIDIEN



A sleek modern hotel overlooking the new and old quarters of the city. The hotel's spacious rooms are fully air conditioned with a marble-tiled bathroom. There is a rooftop pool terrace with views over the city.

CENTRAL HOTEL



In Panama City's Old Town, this 150-year-old establishment was the city's first hotel, with plenty of character. Rooms are comfortable with en-suite bathrooms. Amenities include a spa and fitness centre, a rooftop pool and rooftop bar. The hotel has WiFi throughout.

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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|---|---------------------------|
| Panama City & Canal (3 nights) | |
| £599 (£899 single) | |
| <i>An extra charge may be payable for rearranging flights to Panama or for the flight from Panama to San Jose</i> | |
| Standard hotel included in prices above | Le Meridien |
| Accommodation is bed and breakfast. | |
| Boutique hotel | Supplement |
| Panama Central Hotel | £120 (£240 single) |
| Panama Canal Boat Ride excursion | |
| £230 | |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate this extension. | |

GRAND TOUR OF GUATEMALA & COSTA RICA

ANTIGUA LAKE ATITLAN TIKAL
SAN JOSE TORTUGUERO ARENAL LOS ANGELES CLOUD FOREST
18 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS FROM £3699



HOTELS

HOTEL POSADA DON RODRIGO, ANTIGUA

Two blocks from the main square, this hotel is located in a colonial house with a central patio, a restaurant and traditional rooms with en-suite bathrooms.

HOTEL CASA SANTO DOMINGO, ANTIGUA

A beautiful converted monastery, this well-located, grand hotel has gardens, colonial cloisters, a museum, pool, good restaurant and bar. The large, comfortable rooms are well appointed with en-suite bathrooms. Most have fireplaces.

VILLA SANTA CATARINA, ATITLAN

A charming hotel on the shores of Lake Atitlán with swimming pool and restaurant. All rooms have balconies and en-suite bathrooms.

HOTEL ATITLAN, ATITLAN

On the shores of the lake, the hotel has lush gardens, pool, jacuzzi, restaurant and bar. The comfortable rooms are well appointed with en-suite bathrooms.

HOTEL VILLA MAYA, FLORES

Beautiful hotel set in its own private reserve on the shores of 2 lagoons, 10 minutes drive from Flores, with a pool, restaurant and bar. The rooms have air conditioning, balconies and en-suite bathrooms.

HOTEL LAS LAGUNAS, FLORES

This outstanding hotel has a stunning setting surrounded by tropical forest. Rooms are elegant with private balconies and jacuzzis overlooking the lagoon.

HOTEL BARCELO, GUATEMALA CITY

Close to Guatemala City airport, this hotel has an outdoor pool, gym, massage room, restaurants and bars. Rooms have air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

HOTEL WESTIN CAMINO REAL, GUATEMALA CITY

Grand hotel close to Guatemala City airport with heated outdoor pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts, gym and massage treatments, a restaurant, café and bar. The well-appointed rooms are decorated in a traditional style, with en-suite bathrooms. See pages 6-7 for details of all hotels in Costa Rica.



Explore the Grand Plaza at Tikal, which includes palace complexes and temples in the jungle of Guatemala

This holiday combines some of the best natural and cultural sites in Central America. In Guatemala, stroll on the cobblestoned streets of the beautiful colonial city of Antigua, and explore the crumbling monasteries. Then travel to Lake Atitlán, which is dotted with villages known for their colourful traditions. Also enjoy incredible views of the dormant volcanoes which surround the lake.

Finally, visit the Maya heartland in the rainforest, where you explore the majestic plazas and palaces of Tikal, dating from almost 2,000 years ago.

Then continue to Costa Rica to see the incredible wildlife and amazing beaches, described more fully on pages 6 and 7.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) Antigua Fly from the UK to Guatemala City, where you are met and taken to your hotel in Antigua (2 nights).

Day 2 (Fri) Antigua Take the optional Colonial Antigua excursion to explore the ancient monuments of this beautiful city.

Day 3 (Sat) Lake Atitlán A beautiful 3-hour road journey takes you to picturesque Lake Atitlán. Cross the lake and visit some of the villages on the shore, including San Juan La Laguna and Santiago Atitlán where you have lunch. See the home of the local saint Maximón before continuing to your hotel near Panajachel (2 nights).

Day 4 (Sun) Lake Atitlán Spend a free day exploring more villages around Lake Atitlán, or take our optional excursion to the colourful market town of Chichicastenango.

Day 5 (Mon) Flores A free morning to enjoy the beautiful views, before a 3-hour drive to Guatemala City, from where you fly to Flores on Lake Petén Itzá (2 nights).

Day 6 (Tue) Flores A full day tour of Tikal, possibly the most impressive of all Maya sites. Drive around the lake before arriving at the ruins to observe this jungle-clad labyrinth of pyramids, temples, plazas and palace complexes, with an abundance of wildlife. Lunch is included in a restaurant in the park.

Day 7 (Wed) Guatemala City Take the optional Maya Yaxha excursion or return to Tikal to explore further. Evening flight to Guatemala City (1 night).

Day 8 (Thu) San José Fly to San José, where you are met and taken to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 9 (Fri) San José Take the optional San José & Coffee Plantation excursion to explore the city and to learn how coffee is produced.

Day 10 (Sat) Tortuguero A 4-hour coach journey through the Braulio Carrillo National Park. Then a 2-hour boat ride to Tortuguero (2 nights). After lunch, visit the community of Tortuguero to learn about efforts to protect the turtles.

Day 11 (Sun) Tortuguero Explore the secondary canals of the jungle. At some periods of the year you can arrange a turtle-watching tour to see sea turtles arriving to lay eggs at night.

Day 12 (Mon) Arenal A morning boat ride to Caño Blanco. After lunch, take a beautiful road journey, arriving in Arenal in the late afternoon (3 nights).

Day 13 (Tue) Arenal Take the optional Hanging Bridges & Hot Springs excursion to explore the forest on a canopy walking tour then relax in the hot springs. You can also take the optional Ziplining Adventure for something to get your heart racing.

Day 14 (Wed) Arenal Take the optional Chocolate & Waterfall excursion, where you explore the beautiful La Fortuna falls then learn how chocolate is grown and made.

Day 15 (Thu) Los Angeles Cloud Forest A final morning to enjoy the beautiful setting of Arenal. After lunch, take a two hour transfer to Villa Blanca, a secluded hotel in its own cloud forest reserve.

Day 16 (Fri) Los Angeles Cloud Forest In the morning, take the first part of the Villa Blanca Day & Night excursion. Have the rest of the day free to explore the trails on your own, before taking the second part of the optional excursion, spotting nocturnal species and fascinating nocturnal plants as you see how the cloud forest differs from night to day. Alternatively, take our Quetzal Tour & Night Walk.

Day 17 (Sat) Travel two hours to San José for your overnight flight to the UK.

Day 18 (Sun) Arrival in the UK.

Extend your holiday with a trip to Manuel Antonio National Park, Corcovado Coast, Pacuare or Panama City. See pages 8 - 11.

If you would like to visit Guatemala but not Costa Rica, see our website for our **Best of Guatemala Holiday**.



Stay near the shores of the beautiful Lake Atitlán, surrounded by volcanoes

GUATEMALA OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

COLONIAL ANTIGUA

An afternoon tour of the colonial centre of Antigua. You start in the main square, visiting the vast ruins of the cathedral of Santiago. Then carry on to the beautiful church of La Merced and continue to the impressive Convent of the Capuchins with peaceful gardens and arch-lined courtyards. Then walk along the pretty streets, under the picturesque clock tower of Santa Catarina.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 81%

CHICHICASTENANGO MARKET

Travel through rural Guatemala to the colourful market of Chichicastenango, one of the most vibrant in Latin America. You have a guided tour through the narrow cobbled streets, where villagers sell food, flowers, textiles and hand-crafted items, and also visit Santo



Experience Chichicastenango Market on the steps of Santo Tomas Church

Tomas Church, where intriguing Maya-Quiché rituals are conducted. After lunch in a local restaurant, you have some free time to browse and shop independently and return to Atitlán in the mid-afternoon.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 86%

MAYA YAXHA

Less visited than Tikal, Yaxha was an important civic and ceremonial site during the Maya Classic Period. Yaxha means Turquoise Water, and the site has stunning views from its hilltop setting over beautiful lagoons and the surrounding jungle. Explore the impressive pyramids and central complex of the site, before lunch in a local restaurant.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 93%



Wander the cobble streets of Antigua

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

Grand Tour of Guatemala & Costa Rica (16 nights)

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|------------------------|------|
| 2 February 2023 | 3699 |
| 23 February 2023 | 3699 |
| 16 March 2023 | 3699 |
| 2 November 2023 | 3749 |
| 23 November 2023 | 3769 |
| 11 January 2024 | 3819 |
| 1 February 2024 | 3819 |
| 22 February 2024 | 3819 |
| 14 March 2024 | 3819 |
| 2022 Single supplement | 900 |
| 2023 Single supplement | 950 |

Prices are from London; for regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

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| Antigua | Posada Don Rodrigo |
| Atitlán | Villa Santa Catarina |
| Flores | Villa Maya |
| Guatemala City | Barceló |
| San José | Park Inn |
| Tortuguero | Aninga Lodge |
| Arenal | Arenal Manoa |
| Los Angeles | Villa Blanca |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except in Tortuguero, where all meals are included

Superior hotels* Supplement

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|-------------------|-----------|------|---------------|
| Antigua | S.Domingo | £100 | (£200 single) |
| Atitlán | Atitlán | £110 | (£190 single) |
| Gua. City | Westin | £60 | (£90 single) |
| S. José | Marriott | £120 | (£240 single) |
| Tortuguero | Manatus* | £330 | (£330 single) |
| Arenal | Nayara* | £450 | (£900 single) |

Special Offer:

Upgrade in Antigua, Atitlán, Guatemala City, San Jose, Tortuguero & Arenal from only **£1039** (£1739 single)*

* Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details

Boutique Flores Hotel Supplement

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|-------------|------|---------------|
| Las Lagunas | £350 | (£700 single) |
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Optional Excursions

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Colonial Antigua | £95 |
| Chichicastenango Market | £100 |
| Maya Yaxha | £100 |
| San José & Coffee Plantation | £160 |
| Hanging Bridges & Hot Springs | £150 |
| Day & Night Cloud Forest | £75 |

Special Offer :

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| All six excursions for just £599 | |
| Chocolate & Waterfall | £85 |
| Ziplining Adventure | £85 |
| Quetzal Tour & Night Walk | £175 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking



Hotel Posada Don Rodrigo, Antigua



Hotel Villa Santa Catarina, Lake Atitlán



Hotel Villa Maya, Flores



Hotel Barceló, Guatemala City



Hotel Casa Santo Domingo, Antigua



Hotel Atitlán, Lake Atitlán



Hotel Las Lagunas, Flores



Hotel Westin Camino Real, Guatemala City



MEXICO

Mexico is perhaps best known to holidaymakers for the Yucatán Peninsula, with its Maya pyramids and coastline of soft, white sand beaches running for miles alongside the azure Caribbean Sea. Its food features among the most popular cuisines in the world, incorporating ingredients cultivated for thousands of years, such as corn, beans, spicy chilli peppers, tomatoes and chocolate. Mexico's archaeology is amongst the most interesting in the world. Through the resilient stone structures built by civilizations such as the Maya, often in stunning jungle or hilltop settings, we are able to witness the skill of these ancient engineers and get lost in their spellbinding mythology. Even today, customs originating in the pre-Hispanic era are practised in small pockets of Mexico.

Each city in Mexico has its own cultural draw: the art museums of Mexico City, textiles of San Cristóbal and music and dance in Mérida are sure to capture your imagination, and the fascinating blend of ancient and modern in this wonderful country is truly inspiring.



WHEN TO GO

Mexico is a good year-round destination, although it is recommended to avoid visiting the Yucatán and Riviera Maya regions in September, when weather is at its most unsettled. December to March are the driest and coolest months: Mexico City, San Cristóbal and Oaxaca can be chilly at night, but daytime temperatures are usually pleasant. It is hot year-round in the low-lying towns of Palenque, Mérida and Cancún (highs over 30°C for most of the year) and particularly humid during the wetter summer season. Even during the months of June, August and September when most rain falls, mornings are usually sunny with short showers in the afternoon.

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| Mexico City | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 21 | 22 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 22 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 22 | 20 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 5 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 5 | |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| San Cristóbal | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 20 | 21 | 22 | 22 | 23 | 25 | 28 | 29 | 28 | 26 | 24 | 22 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 16 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Cancún | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 28 | 29 | 30 | 32 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 34 | 33 | 31 | 30 | 28 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 21 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 21 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 18 | 27 | 18 | 10 | 9 |

CUSTOMER RATINGS

Below are overall scores from Llama Travel customers who travelled to Mexico in 2022.

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| Holiday Overall | <div style="width: 89%;"></div> | 89% |
| Value for money | <div style="width: 78%;"></div> | 78% |
| Mexico a holiday destination | <div style="width: 89%;"></div> | 89% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> | 83% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="width: 89%;"></div> | 89% |

Dolls created for Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

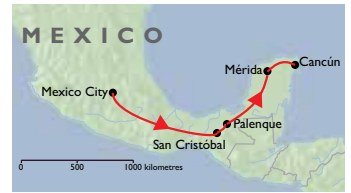
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A PASSAGE THROUGH MEXICO

MEXICO CITY SAN CRISTOBAL PALENQUE MERIDA CANCUN

13 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS FROM £2769



Discover pre-Hispanic Maya ruins in Palenque

Begin by delving into the historical and cultural heart of Mexico City. Journey south to San Cristóbal de las Casas, where the traditions draws influence from the Maya who once commanded the region. Continue further into the Maya heartland and visit the intricate stuccos at the jungle ruins of Palenque, with a chance to embark on an adventure to the mysterious ruins of Bonampak and Yaxchilán. Spend some time in laid-

back, colonial Mérida, and witness the magnificent El Castillo pyramid at Chichén Itzá, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. End your tour on the incredible Caribbean coast with a night in Cancún, spending your final moments in Mexico with soft sand between your toes and warm water lapping at your feet.

Customer Rating for A Passage Through Mexico

Overall 89%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) Mexico City Fly from the UK to Mexico City, where you are met and taken to your hotel (3 nights).

Day 2 (Fri) Mexico City Take the optional Mexico City Walking Tour and Lucha Libre Wrestling excursions to get a feel for history and local culture in the capital.

Day 3 (Sat) Mexico City Travel out of Mexico City and see breath-taking panoramas on the optional Pyramids of Teotihuacán excursion. You get far-reaching views by climbing the enormous pyramidal temples at this ancient city. On the return journey, stop at the pilgrimage site of the Basilica of Guadalupe. Alternatively, see our Monarch Butterfly excursion for January & February departures.

Day 4 (Sun) San Cristóbal Fly to Tuxtla Gutiérrez and drive to the Sumidero Canyon, where you have lunch before taking a boat ride through the steep-sided gorge. Then continue to San Cristóbal de las Casas, where you have a free evening to explore the city (2 nights).

Day 5 (Mon) San Cristóbal Take the optional Maya Villages excursion in the morning, which begins with a walking tour of the highlights of San Cristóbal before visiting two Maya communities where ancient rituals are practised on a daily basis.

Day 6 (Tue) Palenque An early departure for a full-day journey descending into the Chiapas jungle to Palenque. On the way, stop at the lovely Roberto Barrios waterfalls, where you can swim in the jungle-fringed pools, then continue to your hotel in the town of Palenque (3 nights).



Explore one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, Chichén Itzá

Day 7 (Wed) Palenque A morning visit to the amazing ruins of Palenque, one of the most important Maya sites, where you have a guided tour of the jungle-surrounded temples. Then enjoy a free afternoon.

Day 8 (Thu) Palenque See rare Maya friezes in their original painted colours on the optional Jungle Temples of Bonampak and Yaxchilán excursion. These two sites hidden deep in the jungle are reached by road and boat.

Day 9 (Fri) Mérida Take a full day road journey to Mérida, with a late lunch in Campeche, arriving in the evening.

Day 10 (Sat) Mérida Take the optional Mérida Walking Tour for an insight into one of Mexico's most interesting cities, including visits to San Ildefonso Cathedral, Casa de Montejo and Lucas Galvez market.

Day 11 (Sun) Chichén Itzá - Cancún Drive to Chichén Itzá, one of the great Maya cities, for a tour of the archaeological site. You have lunch and time for a swim at a beautiful cenote, then transfer for two hours to Cancún on the glittering Caribbean coast (1 night).

Day 12 (Mon) Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time to unwind by the hotel's pool or on the gorgeous beach. Please ask us if you would like to extend your stay here. Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

Day 13 (Tue) Arrival in the UK.

Extend your holiday with a trip to the Riviera Maya coast or the city of Oaxaca. See page 17.



Take a boat ride through the Sumidero Canyon

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

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| A Passage Through Mexico (11 nights) | |
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| 2 February 2023 | 2819 |
| 2 March 2023 | 2769 |
| 13 April 2023 | 2819 |
| 27 July 2023 | 3119 |
| 9 November 2023 | 2819 |
| 11 January 2024 | 2869 |
| 1 February 2024 | 2919 |
| 29 February 2024 | 2869 |
| 11 April 2024 | 2919 |
| Single supplement* | 550 |

*Single supplement varies. Ask us for details

Prices from Heathrow; regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

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| Mexico City | Zocalo Central |
| San Cristóbal | Casa Vieja |
| Palenque | Chan-Kah Resort |
| Mérida | NH Collection |
| Cancún | Presidente Intercont. |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast

Additional night in Cancún Supplement
Presidente Intercont.* £125 (£250 single)

*Price varies throughout year. Ask us for details

Superior hotels Supplement

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| Mex. City | Gran Hotel | £120 | (£240 single) |
| S. Cristóbal | Casa Alma | £140 | (£280 single) |
| Palenque | Cha Nab Nal | £210 | (£420 single) |
| Mérida | Lecanda | £160 | (£320 single) |

Special Offer: Upgrade in Mexico City, San Cristóbal, Palenque, Mérida for only **£549** (£1099 single)

Optional Excursions

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|-------------------------------|------|
| Mexico City Walking Tour | £50 |
| Pyramids of Teotihuacán | £100 |
| Maya Villages | £55 |
| Jungle Temples of Bon. & Yax. | £190 |
| Mérida Walking Tour | £30 |

Special Offer:

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| All five excursions for just £379 | |
| Monarch Butterfly Reserve | £220 |
| Lucha Libre Wrestling | £110 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking



Castillo de Chapultepec, Mexico City

HOTELS

ZOCALO CENTRAL, MEXICO CITY

On the main square, the hotel's rooftop restaurant has great views of the historic centre. There is a gym and the en-suite rooms have air conditioning.

GRAN HOTEL, MEXICO CITY

An elegant, historical Art Nouveau hotel on the main square with three restaurants and a wonderful rooftop terrace. The air-conditioned rooms are well appointed.

CASA VIEJA, SAN CRISTOBAL

An historic building in central San Cristóbal, this hotel has a restaurant and en-suite rooms are furnished in a regional style. Heating and air conditioning.

CASA DEL ALMA, SAN CRISTOBAL

This characterful hotel offers spacious en-suite rooms, a restaurant and spa. There is a gym and light, airy common areas.

CHAN-KAH RESORT, PALENQUE

On the road between the town and ruins, this hotel has 2 outdoor pools, a restaurant and bar. En-suite rooms have air conditioning.

QUINTA CHA NAB NAL, PALENQUE

Situated 3km from Palenque archaeological site in a jungle setting. The hotel has a pool, spa and restaurants. The en-suite rooms have air conditioning.

NH COLLECTION, MERIDA

Situated in downtown Mérida, the hotel is a stone's throw from the tree-lined Paseo Montejo avenue. The restaurant offers local cuisine and the roof terrace has a pool. En-suite rooms are modern with air conditioning and plenty of natural light.

CASA LECANDA, MERIDA

A characterful boutique hotel in the historical centre of town with a lovely patio, a small pool and a tequila bar. En-suite rooms are beautifully appointed.

PRESIDENTE INTERCONTINENTAL, CANCUN

On the beach in a relaxed part of Cancún's hotel zone, there is a pool, gym, spa, restaurants and bars. Air-conditioned en-suite rooms are tastefully decorated.



Presidente Intercontinental, Cancun



Zócalo Central, Mexico City



Gran Hotel, Mexico City



Pay a visit to the striking Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY WALKING TOUR

Get a feel for local culture on this half-day walking tour. Begin in the Zócalo, the enormous main square, where you admire Diego Rivera's fabulous murals depicting Mexico's history in the National Palace. Pass the cathedral and the Templo Mayor Aztec Ruins, then continue to San Juan market, stopping at a pastry shop to pick up fresh bread. Perhaps try fruit, tacos and other snacks from the stalls, then sit down for a coffee and soak up the atmosphere. Visit a historic artisan sweet shop en route back to the hotel.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall  75%

PYRAMIDS OF TEOTIHUACAN

On this full-day excursion, travel a short distance out of Mexico City to Teotihuacán, once one of the most influential political and ceremonial centres in the western hemisphere. Walk the Avenue of the Dead and climb the Pyramid of the Sun to take in the views of the plains and the Pyramid of the Moon. After lunch, visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where pilgrims travel to honour the patron saint of Mexico, then return to your hotel.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall  93%

MONARCH BUTTERFLY RESERVE

From December to February, Piedra Herrada, two hours from Mexico City, plays host to millions of monarch butterflies that migrate from Canada, and the trees in the sanctuary are covered with the creatures as they recover from their epic flight. Start with an energetic 30 - 45 minute uphill forest walk to the butterfly hibernation spot, where you have time to observe and take photos. Descend back for lunch, followed by a visit to the picturesque lakeside town of Valle de Bravo, then return to Mexico City in the evening. An extra night in Mexico City may be required if taking this excursion in conjunction with other Mexico City excursions.



Casa Vieja, San Cristóbal



Chan-Kah Resort, Palenque



Casa del Alma, San Cristóbal



Quinta Cha Nab Nal, Palenque



NH Collection, Mérida



Casa Lecanda, Mérida

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

LUCHA LIBRE WRESTLING

Discover Mexico City's most colourful spectacle on this exciting evening at the Arena Mexico. Lucha Libre is a way of life for many locals, second only to football. Watch wrestlers dressed as colourful superheroes fight inside the ring. After the show, visit a local 'pulqueria' to try a traditional pre-Hispanic drink.

MAYA VILLAGES

This half-day excursion begins with a walking tour of historical San Cristóbal, passing the Santo Domingo church. Then drive to two Tzotzil Maya communities, where unique clothing is worn and life remains detached from the outside world. Villagers practice customs based on a blend of catholic and ancient Maya beliefs.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall  75%

JUNGLE TEMPLES OF BONAMPK & YAXCHILAN

Yaxchilán and Bonampak are two well-preserved complexes in the Chiapas jungle, famed for their ornamentation, murals and artistic detail. Depart early from Palenque on this full-day excursion, travelling by road, and taking a boat on the River Usumacinta to Yaxchilán. The impressive location above the river helped the 'Jaguar' dynasty to rule over nearby settlements for generations. Explore the interior of the Temple of Murals at Bonampak, where friezes tell of life in ancient times.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall  92%

MÉRIDA WALKING TOUR

Explore the charming city of Mérida, one of Mexico's most interesting cities that boasts a rich, cultural heritage. This half-day walking tour visits pre-Spanish conquest architecture that still remains today, including Paseo de Montejo Boulevard, San Ildefonso Cathedral & Lucas Galvez Market, filled with culinary treats and beautiful flavours.

RIVIERA MAYA BEACH

3 NIGHTS FROM £519



Relax on the beach at the Hotel Mahekal, Playa del Carmen

If you are keen to extend your holiday in Mexico, the perfect place to unwind is on the stunning Caribbean coast of the Riviera Maya. This 130km-long stretch of coastline offers picture-perfect beaches, warm waters, palm trees and Mexican thatched 'palapas' which provide welcome shade from the sunshine.

The Riviera Maya begins south of Cancún on Mexico's south-eastern tip, and continues south to the easy going town of Tulum, with its complex of Maya ruins dramatically situated on a rugged cliff top overlooking the turquoise sea. The Riviera has both well-established beach resorts and undeveloped beaches with natural inlets, lagoons and freshwater cenotes; sunken water holes which are ubiquitous in the region and have become atmospheric natural swimming pools.

The Mahekal Resort Hotel is in Playa del Carmen, midway down the Riviera Maya coast. This cheerful town has plenty of restaurants, bars and shops, but as your hotel is on the edge of the town centre, it is easy to escape to the idyllic beaches nearby. If you would like to see the attractions of Playa del Carmen, the centre is only a 10-minute stroll away. Agencies in Playa del Carmen can arrange visits to

nearby sights, including the Tulum and Coba ruins, outdoor activity centres and Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve. The island of Cozumel, a 30-minute ferry ride from Playa del Carmen port, offers excellent scuba diving and snorkelling.

Temperatures reach 25-30°C all year. Most rain falls from June to October, although mornings are usually sunny with short showers in the afternoon. The highest humidity is also from June to October.

This extension includes 3 nights in Playa del Carmen. From Chichén Itzá, instead of driving to Cancún, you have a 2-hour transfer to Playa del Carmen, arriving in the early evening. You then have the next two days free to relax and explore the area. Depending on the time of your flight home, you may also have some free time on the final morning before a 2-hour transfer to Cancún airport for your international flight to the UK.

You can also extend your stay on the Riviera Maya. Upgrading to a partial ocean view room in the Mahekal Resort is also possible.

Llama Travel Customer Rating
Overall 99%

FLAVOURS OF OAXACA

3 NIGHTS FROM £749

Get a feel for Mexico's heartland by visiting Oaxaca, one of the country's most charming cities, with leafy squares, centuries-old buildings constructed from local green-white limestone, and a prominent arts scene. Oaxaca is also the ideal place to get to the heart of Mexican gastronomy. Browse the food markets, where you see sacks of local chilli peppers and spices, smell the aromas of hot chocolate made from freshly ground cocoa beans and cinnamon, and taste one of the many varieties of mezcal, the local liquor. Oaxaca is famed for its rich, slow-cooked sauces, so be sure to try these in one of the excellent restaurants. Perhaps spend a day in the mountains visiting natural springs, a mezcal distillery, ancient temples and a traditional weaving village.

Days 1-3 (Mon - Wed) Mexico City Follow days 1-3 on page 15.



Herve el Agua, the "frozen waterfall"

Day 4 (Thu) Oaxaca Fly from Mexico City to Oaxaca. Spend the afternoon exploring this charming city on your own (3 nights).

Day 5 (Fri) Oaxaca A food-focused morning tour of Oaxaca, visiting the market, where you see, and perhaps try, fruits, vegetables, coffee, chocolate and even insects! Walk around the historic centre to explore Santo Domingo Church, the cathedral and theatre.

Day 6 (Sat) Oaxaca Free day, or perhaps take the optional Mountains of Oaxaca excursion to explore the communities and sights in the surrounding mountains.

Day 7 (Sun) San Cristóbal Fly to Tuxtla Gutierrez, via Mexico City. Follow itinerary for days 4 to 13 on page 15.

MOUNTAINS OF OAXACA EXCURSION

A full day excursion starting with a drive into the mountains to the natural springs of Herve el Agua, an enormous 'frozen waterfall' rock formation, where you can bathe in the natural pools. Continue to a rural mezcal liquor distillery and visit the Zapotec ruins of Mitla, where you explore the plazas, winding passages and stepped pyramids. After lunch, visit Teotitlán del Valle, known for producing beautiful woven products.



RIVIERA MAYA HOTEL

MAHEKAL RESORT, PLAYA DEL CARMEN



This tropical-style hotel is a 10-minute walk from the centre of town with 2 pools, a jacuzzi, 2 restaurants, 3 bars and a spa. Rooms are in small buildings throughout the grounds with private terraces and hammocks. En-suite rooms have air conditioning. Breakfast and dinner are included.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 94%
Service 94%
Location 94%

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| Riviera Maya | | | |
|--|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mahekal Resort, Playa del Carmen | 3 nights | each extra night | single supplement per night |
| Garden View | £519 | £200 | £400 |
| Board: half board | | | |
| Partial Ocean View rooms are available for a supplement. | | | |
| Prices vary throughout the year. See our website for details | | | |

OAXACA HOTELS

PARADOR SAN MIGUEL



In a colonial-style building in the heart of the city centre, this hotel has a charming restaurant serving local dishes. Rooms are simply but attractively furnished, all with en-suite bathrooms and air conditioning.

DE LA PARRA



This small hotel, very close to the main square, has 13 colonial-style rooms, a seating area in the courtyard, a restaurant and an outdoor pool. Rooms have air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

| Flavours of Oaxaca (3 nights) | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|---------------|
| £749 (£949 single) | | | |
| Standard hotel included in price above | | | |
| Oaxaca | Parador San Miguel | | |
| Board: bed & breakfast | | | |
| Prices vary throughout the year. See our website for details | | | |
| Superior hotel | | Supplement | |
| Oaxaca | De la Parra | £120 | (£240 single) |
| Optional Excursion | | | |
| Mountains of Oaxaca | | | £180 |



PERU

Peru is best known for its ancient cultures, especially the Incas, who dominated much of South America until the arrival of the Spanish Conquistadors in the 16th century. Today, Peru is a fascinating blend of local tradition and European influence.

However, history is only part of the story. Peru stretches south from the Equator for 1,300 miles. The Andes run the full length of the country, rising to almost 7,000 metres, and separate the arid coastal strip from the lush rainforest. Over 80% of the world's different ecosystems are represented in Peru, more than any other country. Whatever you are looking for, Peru almost certainly has it.



WHEN TO GO

In the highlands, including Cusco, the dry season lasts from April to October, when it is usually warm and sunny, although nights can be cold. Weather is more changeable in March and November, and rain is more common, although temperatures are higher. The rainy season is at its heaviest from December to February.

On the coast, including Lima, it is warm and humid for much of the year, with overcast skies broken by occasional sunshine from April to November. December to March is usually sunny. Rain is rare at any time of the year.

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|-------|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Lima | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 26 | 27 | 26 | 24 | 22 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 22 | 24 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 19 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 18 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cusco | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 19 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 16 | 13 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 12 |

CUSTOMER RATINGS

Below are overall scores from Llama Travel customers who travelled to Peru in 2022.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Holiday Overall | <div style="width: 97%;"></div> | 97% |
| Value for money | <div style="width: 88%;"></div> | 88% |
| Peru as a holiday destination | <div style="width: 97%;"></div> | 97% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="width: 95%;"></div> | 95% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="width: 85%;"></div> | 85% |

INCAS & CONQUISTADORS

LIMA CUSCO (FOR MACHU PICCHU)

12 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS FROM £2099



Admire the elegant churches and plazas of colonial Cusco

This unforgettable holiday offers the best of Peru. Explore Cusco, gateway to Machu Picchu and majestic capital of the Inca Empire, set in a valley 3,400m high in the Andes. You also visit Lima, capital of Peru on the Pacific coast.

Cusco is a blend of Inca and colonial Spanish styles, where you can experience ancient cultures, wonderful scenery, lively festivals and colourful markets. Cusco is the perfect base for visiting the nearby Sacred Valley of the Incas. It is also the starting point for

the breathtaking trip to the lost city of the Incas, Machu Picchu, rediscovered in 1911. You can even try something more adventurous, with hiking and white water rafting.

Lima was the most important and magnificent city in Spanish South America. Visit the colonial district and some of the finest museums in the world, with amazing collections of pre-Hispanic treasures.

Customer Rating for Incas & Conquistadors

Overall 97%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sun) Lima Fly from the UK to Lima. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 2 (Mon) Lima Take the optional Colonial Lima excursion to discover the city's fascinating past.

Day 3 (Tue) Cusco Morning flight to Cusco. Afternoon free to help you acclimatise to the altitude (7 nights).

Day 4 (Wed) Cusco Optional Inca Cusco excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city.

Day 5 (Thu) Cusco or Sacred Valley Take the optional Sacred Valley excursion, visiting Chinchero village and the Inca ruins at Ollantaytambo. You can also extend your stay by taking the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion, spending two nights in a Sacred Valley hotel.

Day 6 (Fri) Cusco or Sacred Valley Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion, visiting the Maras salt pans, Moray and Misminay before spending a second night in the valley. Alternatively, spend a free day in Cusco.

Day 7 (Sat) Cusco or Machu Picchu Take the optional Machu Picchu excursion, starting with a magical train ride, followed by a guided visit to the ruins.



Wander through Lima's Plaza de Armas in the heart of the city

Evening return to Cusco or spend a night here and return on Sunday. You can also take the Short Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu.

Day 8 (Sun) Cusco If you spend a night at Machu Picchu or walk the Short Inca Trail, today you can further explore Machu Picchu, returning to Cusco in the evening. Otherwise, have a free day in Cusco.

Day 9 (Mon) Cusco Free day in Cusco. Get to know the city better; explore some of the Inca sites or try one of the many adventure sports on offer.

Day 10 (Tue) Lima Flight to Lima, with time to go shopping in fashionable Miraflores or perhaps try one of the city's many excellent seafood restaurants (1 night).

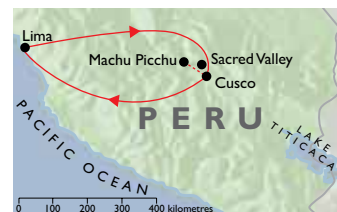
Day 11 (Wed) Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 12 (Thu) Arrival in the UK.

For extensions to the Inca Trail, the Amazon Jungle, Lake Titicaca, Arequipa & the Colca Canyon and the Pacific Coast, see pages 22- 28. To combine your adventures in Peru with a visit to the Galapagos Islands, Buenos Aires, Rio & Iguazu Falls, or Peru's beautiful northern beaches, please see pages 32 - 34.



Interact with friendly locals as you explore the Sacred Valley



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Incas & Conquistadors 10 nights | |
|------------------------------------|------|
| March 2023 | 2099 |
| April 2023 | 2129 |
| May 2023 | 2179 |
| June 2023 | 2229 |
| 1-15 July 2023 | 2449 |
| 16 Jul-19 Aug 2023 | 2649 |
| 20-31 August 2023 | 2449 |
| September 2023 | 2229 |
| October 2023 | 2199 |
| November 2023 | 2149 |
| Single supplement | 480 |

Departures Sundays from 19 Mar to 12 Nov 2023. Prices are from London; for regional departures see p128.

Standard hotels included in prices above

Lima Casa Andina Select
Cusco Los Portales

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

Superior hotels *Supplement*

Lima AC by Marriott **£120** (£240 single)
Cusco C. Andina Premium **£210** (£420 single)
Cusco Aranwa **£315** (£630 single)

C. Andina Premium Cusco Special Offer:

Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Casa Andina Premium) for only **£269** (£539 single)

Aranwa Cusco Special Offer:

Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Aranwa) for only **£369** (£739 single)

Optional Excursions

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Colonial Lima | £50 |
| Inca Cusco | £90 |
| Sacred Valley | £90 |
| Machu Picchu* | £410 |

Special Offer:

all four excursions for just **£569**

*Short Inca Trail includes Machu Picchu entrance and return train. Excursion package excluding Machu Picchu: **£189**

Peru on a Plate **£120**

Two Nights in the Sacred Valley†

Hacienda Urubamba **£200** (£250 single)

Price is on top of the Sacred Valley excursion price

A Night at Machu Picchu†

| | | |
|---------------------|------|----------------|
| El Mapi | £45 | (£85 single) |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | £200 | (£300 single) |
| Sanctuary Lodge | £700 | (£1250 single) |

Short Inca Trail (2 days)†

2 day excursion including night at:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|----------------|
| El Mapi | £520 | (£560 single) |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | £675 | (£775 single) |
| Sanctuary Lodge | £1175 | (£1275 single) |

† Prices are based on checking out of your hotel in Cusco for these nights. For upgrade in Cusco, deduct from these prices £25 (£50 single) per night for Casa Andina Premium and £40 (£80 single) for Aranwa

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS IN PERU

HOTELS IN LIMA

CASA ANDINA SELECT

In Lima's Miraflores neighbourhood, with modern decor. There is a restaurant and rooftop hot tub. The rooms are light and comfortable with en-suite bathrooms and air conditioning.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 75%;"></div> | 75% |
| Service | <div style="width: 76%;"></div> | 76% |
| Location | <div style="width: 82%;"></div> | 82% |

AC BY MARRIOTT

In Larcomar in Miraflores, this hotel has ocean views, a bar, rooftop restaurant, cocktail lounge and café. Rooms are stylish with air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

FREE UPGRADE TO OCEAN VIEW ROOM

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 93%;"></div> | 93% |
| Service | <div style="width: 92%;"></div> | 92% |
| Location | <div style="width: 93%;"></div> | 93% |

HOTELS IN CUSCO

HOTEL LOS PORTALES

Located opposite the Inca Temple of the Sun, this comfortable hotel has a restaurant and bar. Rooms are simple but comfortable, with en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 71%;"></div> | 71% |
| Service | <div style="width: 81%;"></div> | 81% |
| Location | <div style="width: 82%;"></div> | 82% |

CASA ANDINA PREMIUM

3 blocks from the main square, a restored colonial mansion with lovely public areas, and comfortable rooms around 3 interior patios.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> | 83% |
| Service | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> | 83% |
| Location | <div style="width: 96%;"></div> | 96% |

HOTEL ARANWA

Elegant 16th-century colonial house with a beautiful central patio, bar and restaurant. The 43 rooms are well appointed and comfortable with oxygen systems.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 87%;"></div> | 87% |
| Service | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> | 83% |
| Location | <div style="width: 99%;"></div> | 99% |

SACRED VALLEY HOTELS

INKATERRA HACIENDA URUBAMBA

This fantastic hotel has a picturesque setting in the Sacred Valley, with 36 well-appointed, spacious rooms with beautiful views and en-suite bathrooms. There are extensive gardens, a bar, a restaurant and a spa.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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|----------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 99%;"></div> | 99% |
| Service | <div style="width: 96%;"></div> | 96% |
| Location | <div style="width: 93%;"></div> | 93% |



Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba, Sacred Valley



Explore villages and Inca Ruins on our Two Nights in the Sacred Valley excursion, including the Mismisay weaving community

COLONIAL LIMA

This half-day tour begins with a visit to the pre-Inca site of Huaca Pucllana. Then drive to the colonial heart of Lima to visit the cathedral, where the conquistador Francisco Pizarro is buried. Enter the macabre catacombs of San Francisco before returning to modern Miraflores.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 84%;"></div> | 84% |
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INCA CUSCO

A half-day tour of the most important Inca sites in and around Cusco. Start by wandering the stalls of the colourful San Pedro Market, perhaps trying the exotic fruit, then visit Qoricancha, the most sacred building in the Inca Empire. Above Cusco, you explore Sacsayhuaman, where a fierce battle between the Incas and the Conquistadors took place. This excursion includes the Cusco tourist ticket, giving you access to additional sites in and around the city.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

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|---------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 88%;"></div> | 88% |
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SACRED VALLEY

A full-day excursion visits the Sacred Valley of the Incas, with the snow-capped Andes towering over the bubbling Urubamba River. Visit the colonial village and archaeological ruins at Chinchero, with great views of patchwork fields. After lunch in a country restaurant, continue to the superb Inca ruins at Ollantaytambo. A visit to the 'living Inca town' here is fascinating. Evening return to Cusco, or extend your stay by also taking the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 94%;"></div> | 94% |
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TWO NIGHTS IN THE SACRED VALLEY

Spend more time in the Sacred Valley on this two-night excursion. Instead of returning to Cusco after the Sacred Valley excursion, you are taken to your attractive hotel in the

heart of the valley, where you can enjoy the late afternoon relaxing in the gardens. Set out the next morning to explore the 3,000 terraced salt evaporation ponds of Maras before continuing to Moray, huge circular terraces used by the Incas as an experimental agricultural centre. Then visit the Andean community of Mismisay, where locals prepare lunch for you before demonstrating ancient agricultural techniques dating back to the Incas. You return to your hotel in the Sacred Valley in the late afternoon. The following day, travel to Machu Picchu or return to Cusco.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 96%;"></div> | 96% |
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PERU ON A PLATE

Discover the mouth-watering flavours of Peruvian food on this half-day cooking class. Visit a food market, where colourful produce from all over Peru is sold, then continue to the kitchen for a fruit tasting, sampling fruits from around Peru. In the cooking class that follows, you prepare then eat a three-course meal of traditional Peruvian dishes and receive all the information you need to re-create the recipes back home.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 99%;"></div> | 99% |
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Visit Sacsayhuaman and other Inca sites around Cusco



Casa Andina Select, Lima



Hotel Los Portales, Cusco



Hotel Aranwa, Cusco



AC by Marriott, Lima



Casa Andina Premium, Cusco



Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba

EXCURSIONS TO MACHU PICCHU



Take the train, walk the Short Inca Trail or walk the 4-day Inca Trail to reach Machu Picchu

MACHU PICCHU EXCURSION

An early start from Cusco or the Sacred Valley, taking a road transfer and then the Vistadome train, with wonderful views of snowy peaks of the Andes as the train descends the beautiful Urubamba Valley. The vegetation becomes increasingly tropical as you approach the high jungle below Machu Picchu.

Take a bus from the valley up the mountain and have an early buffet lunch before entering the site. You are immediately confronted by a combination of stunning mountain scenery and well-preserved Inca ruins, making this one of the wonders of the world. These were only rediscovered in 1911 after lying abandoned for centuries. Take a fascinating guided tour of the site, visiting the Temple of the Sun, the Temple of the Three Windows and the Intihuatana, which the Incas used to 'tie' the sun to the earth at the winter solstice. After free time to explore, board the train to Cusco, arriving in the late evening.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 96%

A NIGHT AT MACHU PICCHU

A night at Machu Picchu allows you to re-enter Machu Picchu in the early morning light the next day when there are fewer visitors present. You can also discover the beautiful surrounding area. After your tour of the Inca ruins on day one, check in to your hotel in the valley below the ruins. You have the following day free in the area before returning to Cusco the following afternoon. Please ask if you are interested in a 2-night stay at Machu Picchu. The bus and Machu Picchu entrance for the second day are not included. There are limited spaces for entry to Machu Picchu, so it is recommended to buy a ticket in advance. You can also include the entrance to climb the Huayna Picchu sugarloaf or Machu Picchu mountain.

SHORT INCA TRAIL

If you like the idea of arriving at Machu Picchu on foot, after trekking through the Andes, but do not want to walk for four days to get there, the Short Inca Trail is the perfect option. Catch a bus and train to the start

of the trail at Chachabamba. The path climbs steeply, arriving at the spectacular Inca site of Wiñay Wayna in about 3 to 4 hours. After a packed lunch you continue, reaching the Sun Gate in the late afternoon for your first, magnificent, view of Machu Picchu. Saving the ruins for the next day, you descend to the valley by bus for a good night's sleep in your hotel. The following morning you return to Machu Picchu for a guided tour of the ruins. Explore the site further before your return train to Cusco.

The excursion includes a professional guide, train, bus and entrance tickets and hotel accommodation. An overnight bag will be taken to your hotel in Aguas Calientes while you are on the trail. The 9-mile long trail climbs rapidly for the first half of the walk, with a maximum altitude of 2,700 metres, so a good level of fitness is required. It may not be suitable if you suffer from vertigo.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 96%



Visit the Inca site of Wiñay Wayna on the Short Inca Trail



El Mapi by Inkaterra



Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel



Sanctuary Lodge, Machu Picchu

MACHU PICCHU HOTELS

EL MAPI BY INKATERRA

A good hotel located on the main street of Aguas Calientes. There is a restaurant and small gardens. Rooms are comfortable and have en-suite bathrooms. Dinner is included.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 74%
Service 71%
Location 85%

INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO

A beautiful, rustic-style hotel set in 5 hectares of tropical gardens and orchid trails. Rooms are located in small clusters in the hotel grounds and have en-suite bathrooms. The price includes a good dinner and a guided nature tour.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 82%
Service 76%
Location 88%

SANCTUARY LODGE

Set just outside of the ruins, the Sanctuary Lodge is the closest hotel to Machu Picchu. There is a small garden and the views of the surrounding mountains are wonderful. The rooms are comfortable with en-suite bathrooms. Mountain view rooms are available for a supplement. All meals are included.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 99%
Service 99%
Location 99%

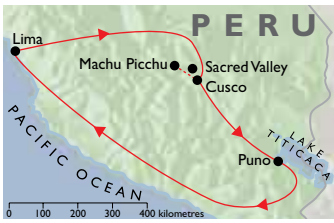
PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| Optional Excursions | |
|---|----------------------|
| Colonial Lima | £50 |
| Inca Cusco | £90 |
| Sacred Valley | £90 |
| Machu Picchu* | £410 |
| Special Offer: | |
| all four excursions for just £569 | |
| *Short Inca Trail includes Machu Picchu entrance and return train. Excursion package excluding Machu Picchu: £189 | |
| Peru on a Plate | £120 |
| Two Nights in the Sacred Valley† | |
| Hacienda Urubamba | £200 (£250 single) |
| <i>Price is on top of the Sacred Valley excursion price</i> | |
| A Night at Machu Picchu† | |
| El Mapi | £45 (£85 single) |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | £200 (£300 single) |
| Sanctuary Lodge | £700 (£1250 single) |
| Short Inca Trail (2 days)† | |
| <i>2 day excursion including night at:</i> | |
| El Mapi | £520 (£560 single) |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | £675 (£775 single) |
| Sanctuary Lodge | £1175 (£1725 single) |
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| Next day Entrance to Machu Picchu | |
| Machu Picchu & shuttle bus | £95 |
| Machu Picchu, Huayna Picchu & shuttle bus | £115 |
| Machu Picchu ruins, Machu Picchu mountain & shuttle bus | £115 |

LAKE TITICACA

LAKE TITICACA CUSCO (FOR MACHU PICCHU) LIMA

14 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS FROM £2469



Learn about traditional crafts on Taquile Island

HOTELS IN PUNO

HOTEL LAGO TITICACA



Located on Isla Esteves, an island just off the mainland, the hotel has a good restaurant, bar and sauna. Rooms are comfortable, with heating and en-suite bathrooms. All rooms have lake views.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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| Overall | <div style="width: 80%; background-color: #0070C0; border: 1px solid #0070C0;"></div> | 80% |
| Service | <div style="width: 71%; background-color: #0070C0; border: 1px solid #0070C0;"></div> | 71% |
| Location | <div style="width: 91%; background-color: #0070C0; border: 1px solid #0070C0;"></div> | 91% |



Walk on the nearby Taquile Island



Meet the traditionally-dressed Uros women



Sail to the floating reed islands on Lake Titicaca

Lake Titicaca, at 3,820m above sea level, is the highest navigable lake in the world. At this altitude, the pure air creates wonderful light, and the views of the snow-capped Cordillera Real rising over the lake are superb. Lake Titicaca was the birthplace of the Incas, and legend says that the sun sent the first Inca king to the lake to found the Inca kingdom.

This immense body of water, the largest lake in South America, is home to the Uros people, who live on reed islands they have woven, and to the people of Taquile Island, who create some of the finest crafts in the Andes. A boat ride to these islands is a memorable

experience. You can even kayak to the reed islands for a beautiful and peaceful way to experience the lake.

Lake Titicaca lies at the edge of the Peruvian altiplano. Crossing this expanse of high sierra from Cusco to Puno gives you a fascinating view of the harsh environment, where many people still live by subsistence farming.

A lovely way to take this journey is on the luxury Belmond Andean Explorer sleeper train. Leaving from Cusco, you travel across the altiplano in style, sleeping on board before exploring the lake the next day.

Customer Rating for Lake Titicaca

Overall 91%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sun) Lima Fly from the UK to Lima. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 2 (Mon) Lima Take the optional Colonial Lima excursion to discover the city's fascinating past.

Day 3 (Tue) Cusco Morning flight to Cusco. Afternoon free to help you acclimatise to the altitude (7 nights).

Day 4 (Wed) Cusco Optional Inca Cusco excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city.

Day 5 (Thu) Cusco or Sacred Valley Take the optional Sacred Valley excursion, visiting Chinchero village and the Inca ruins at Ollantaytambo. You can also extend your stay by taking the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion, spending 2 nights in a Sacred Valley hotel.

Day 6 (Fri) Cusco or Sacred Valley Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion, visiting the Maras salt pans, Moray and Misminay. Alternatively, spend a free day in Cusco.

Day 7 (Sat) Cusco or Machu Picchu Take the optional Machu Picchu excursion, starting with a magical train ride, followed by a guided visit to the ruins. Evening return to Cusco or spend a night here and return on Sunday. You can also take the Short Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu.

Day 8 (Sun) Cusco If you spend a night at Machu Picchu or walk the Short Inca Trail, today you can further explore Machu Picchu, returning to Cusco in the evening. Otherwise, have a free day in Cusco, perhaps visiting some of the 500 Inca sites around the city or try one of the many adventure sports on offer.

Day 9 (Mon) Cusco Enjoy a free day to explore Cusco.

Day 10 (Tue) Puno A fascinating full-day coach journey across the altiplano, including guided visits to the Inca site of Raqchi and the beautiful colonial church in Andahuaylillas. After lunch in Sicuani (included), visit the pre-Inca site of Pucara, before arriving in Puno, on the edge of Lake Titicaca (2 nights). Alternatively you can take the Belmond Andean Explorer sleeper train to Lake Titicaca, stopping overnight and sleeping on board.

Day 11 (Wed) Puno A full day on the lake, exploring the islands by fast, comfortable boat. First, you visit the floating Uros Islands, made from reeds grown on the lake. The islanders also use the reeds for food and to make boats, which you can ride in. You then continue to Taquile Island, where the islanders have established their own distinct culture. After an energetic walk up the hill to the main village, have a lunch of fresh fish caught in the lake. You can take the optional Kayaking on Lake Titicaca excursion, paddling to the Uros Islands to have a tranquil feeling on being on the water in the early morning light, before taking the fast boat to Taquile Island.

Day 12 (Thu) Lima Visit the funerary towers of Sillustani, constructed by the Colla people before they were conquered by the Incas, offering a fascinating insight into pre-Inca culture. Flight to Lima (1 night).

Day 13 (Fri) Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 14 (Sat) Arrival in the UK.



Travel across the highlands in style on the Belmond Andean Explorer Sleeper Train

BELMOND ANDEAN EXPLORER SLEEPER TRAIN

The Belmond Andean Explorer is the first luxury sleeper train in South America, offering a lavish way to experience one of the world's highest railway lines. Board the train in Cusco in the morning and enjoy the views of the highlands while enjoying a delicious lunch. The journey continues through the beautiful mountain scenery, with afternoon tea served, then stop at the highest point at 4,300m, with stunning views. Continue to Lake Titicaca, having a splendid dinner as the lights of towns flash by. Enjoy a drink in the piano bar before retiring to your cabin for the night. The train pulls into the station near the lake around 11.30pm. You wake the next day with an incredible view of sunrise over the lake. After breakfast on board, you are collected for your excursion on the lake to the islands, before checking in to your hotel.

The Andean Explorer sleeper train accommodates up to 70 passengers in a range of cabins. Bunk bed cabins feature a long banquette, which in the evening is transformed into upper and lower single beds. Twin cabins are larger and have a long banquette and a comfy seat, which are

converted into two single beds. Junior Suites and Deluxe cabins are larger still, with a plush double bed and seating area with chairs and table. All cabins are en-suite, with showers and pedestal washbasins.

The train has two dining cars; a piano bar car, where you can sip cocktails and enjoy the music being played in the background; a library car with books about the area; and a spa car, where you can enjoy a treatment as you roll across the Andes. Perhaps the best spot on the train is the observation car. Here, you can settle in with a pisco sour and enjoy the scenery of the Peruvian altiplano as it slips by the train window.

Lunch, afternoon canapés, dinner and breakfast the following morning are included, with menus designed to give a modern take on Peruvian cuisine. Soft and alcoholic drinks are included on board.

The Belmond offers departures on selected dates. Please contact us for further information.

Customer Rating for Andean Explorer

Overall 97%



Enjoy a wonderful dinner in the Belmond's luxurious dining carriage

KAYAKING ON LAKE TITICACA

Kayaking is a more adventurous yet peaceful way to explore Lake Titicaca, accompanied only by your qualified guide and the sounds of nature. Paddle through the reeds, bathed in early morning light as you make your way across the highest navigable lake in the world. Listen to birdsong including Andean flickers, Andean swallows, finches and wrens on your journey to the floating reed islands. After visiting the Uros Islands with the rest of your group, who have arrived by boat, continue to Taquile Island by fast boat.



Learn about life on the lake as you kayak across the azure waters

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

Incas & Conquistadors + Lake Titicaca 12 nights

| Month of departure | Price |
|--------------------------|-------|
| March 2023 | 2469 |
| April 2023 | 2499 |
| May 2023 | 2549 |
| June 2023 | 2599 |
| 1-15 July 2023 | 2819 |
| 16 July - 19 August 2023 | 3019 |
| 20-31 August 2023 | 2819 |
| September 2023 | 2599 |
| October 2023 | 2569 |
| November 2023 | 2519 |
| Single supplement | 580 |

Departures Sundays from 19 Mar to 12 Nov 2023. Prices are from London; for regional departures see p128.

Standard hotels included in prices above

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| Lima | Casa Andina Select |
| Cusco | Los Portales |
| Puno | Lago Titicaca |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

Superior hotels Supplement

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|-------|-------------------|------|---------------|
| Lima | AC by Marriott | £120 | (£240 single) |
| Cusco | C. Andina Premium | £210 | (£420 single) |
| Cusco | Aranwa | £315 | (£630 single) |

C. Andina Premium Cusco Special Offer:

Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Casa Andina Premium) for only **£269** (£539 single)

Aranwa Cusco Special Offer:

Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Aranwa) for only **£369** (£739 single)

Optional Excursions

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Colonial Lima | £50 |
| Inca Cusco | £90 |
| Sacred Valley | £90 |
| Machu Picchu* | £410 |

Special Offer:

all four excursions for just **£569**

*Short Inca Trail includes Machu Picchu entrance and return train. Excursion package excluding Machu Picchu: **£189**

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|---------------------------|------|
| Peru on a Plate | £120 |
| Kayaking on Lake Titicaca | £60 |

Two Nights in the Sacred Valley†

Hacienda Urubamba **£200** (£250 single)

Price is on top of the Sacred Valley excursion price

A Night at Machu Picchu†

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| El Mapi | £45 | (£85 single) |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | £200 | (£300 single) |
| Sanctuary Lodge | £700 | (£1250 single) |

Short Inca Trail (2 days)†

2 day excursion including night at:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|----------------|
| El Mapi | £520 | (£560 single) |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | £675 | (£775 single) |
| Sanctuary Lodge | £1175 | (£1725 single) |

† Prices are based on checking out of your hotel in Cusco for these nights. For upgrade in Cusco, deduct from these prices £25 (£50 single) per night; for Casa Andina Premium and £40 (£80 single) for Aranwa

Belmond Andean Explorer Sleeper

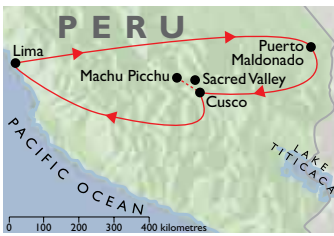
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| Bunk cabin | £550 | (£970 single) |
| Twin cabin | £630 | (£1110 single) |
| Suite | £710 | (£1230 single) |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

THE JUNGLE

AMAZON JUNGLE CUSCO (FOR MACHU PICCHU) LIMA

14 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS FROM £2659



JUNGLE LODGES

INKATERRA HACIENDA CONCEPCION



The lodge is set on a small lagoon within 819 hectares of rainforest. Rooms are in the main building and have ceiling fans, limited electricity, and are en-suite with hot water. Cabañas are also available for a supplement. There is WiFi in the main area.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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| Overall | <div style="width: 95%;"><div style="width: 95%;"></div></div> | 95% |
| Service | <div style="width: 94%;"><div style="width: 94%;"></div></div> | 94% |
| Location | <div style="width: 94%;"><div style="width: 94%;"></div></div> | 94% |

INKATERRA RESERVA AMAZONICA



A superior lodge set in 10,000 hectares of private rainforest. Accommodation is in attractive thatched bungalows with en-suite bathrooms and hot showers. There is limited electricity. There is a massage spa on site and a 300-metre canopy walkway.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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| Overall | <div style="width: 89%;"><div style="width: 89%;"></div></div> | 89% |
| Service | <div style="width: 89%;"><div style="width: 89%;"></div></div> | 89% |
| Location | <div style="width: 94%;"><div style="width: 94%;"></div></div> | 94% |

TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTER



The lodge is located in the primary forest of the Tambopata Reserve and offers the best opportunity for spotting wildlife, with the world's largest macaw lick nearby. Elevated above the ground, the simple rooms are open on one side above a waist-high railing, with en-suite bathrooms with hot showers. Lighting is by rechargeable lamps. There is WiFi in the main areas.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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| Overall | <div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div> | 99% |
| Service | <div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div> | 99% |
| Location | <div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div> | 99% |



Aerial view of Tambopata Research Center



See the jungle from 30 metres above the ground on the Canopy Walkway at the Reserva Amazonica

Much of Peru lies in the Amazon Rainforest, the largest expanse of jungle in the world. The area around Puerto Maldonado is one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet and contains more bird species than anywhere else on earth.

On this extension, you will explore the rainforest by foot on jungle trails and by boat on the river and on oxbow lakes. You will have opportunities to see the wildlife and gain an insight into the how the local communities live.

A lodge is an excellent way to see the jungle in relative comfort, staying in accommodation made from local materials. On excursions, you will be accompanied by knowledgeable guides. All meals in the jungle are included. Please note: jungle excursions may vary due to local conditions. As some of the excursions are quite energetic, a reasonable level of fitness is required.

Customer Rating for the Jungle

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| Overall | <div style="width: 94%;"><div style="width: 94%;"></div></div> | 94% |
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ITINERARY: HACIENDA CONCEPCION

Day 1 (Fri) Lima Fly to Lima. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 2 (Sat) Lima Take the optional Colonial Lima excursion to discover the city's fascinating past.

Day 3 (Sun) Jungle Morning flight to the jungle town of Puerto Maldonado. Take a 25-minute canoe ride down the Madre de Dios river to the Hacienda Concepción lodge. Enjoy a buffet lunch and an introduction to the lodge before setting out on your first nature trail through the jungle. Before dinner, take a dusk trip on the river to see the change from day to night wildlife, and learn about nocturnal animals' behaviour (3 nights).

Day 4 (Mon) Jungle A morning hike through terra firma forest to Lake Sandoval, an oxbow lake in the Tambopata National Reserve. Navigate by dugout canoe across the lake, home to blue and yellow macaws, howler monkeys, black caimans and giant river otters. After lunch at the lodge, visit the 300-metre canopy walkway, allowing you to enjoy the incredible views of primary forests from 30 metres up. Look for toucans, trogons, woodpeckers, squirrel monkeys and sloths. Then walk through the forest on a 200-metre bridge over flooded marshland. Take a night excursion to explore the night time rainforest and listen to the calls of nocturnal animals.

Day 5 (Tue) Jungle After breakfast, visit a native farm to learn about jungle cultivation, then visit the botanical garden to discover the immense variety of medicinal plants used in the region. After lunch, enjoy a dugout canoe ride on the hacienda's own lake, where you paddle to search for hoatzin, and maybe try some jungle fishing. Before dinner, visit a blind at a clay lick to look for signs of different animals.

Day 6 (Wed) Cusco An early boat transfer to Puerto Maldonado for your flight to Cusco, the historic capital

of the Inca Empire. The afternoon is free to help you acclimatise to the altitude (6 nights).

Day 7 (Thu) Cusco or Sacred Valley Take the optional Sacred Valley excursion, visiting Chinchero village and the Inca ruins at Ollantaytambo. You can also extend your stay by taking the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion, spending two nights in a Sacred Valley hotel.

Day 8 (Fri) Cusco or Sacred Valley Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion, visiting the Maras salt pans, Moray and Misminay. Alternatively, spend a free day in Cusco.

Day 9 (Sat) Cusco or Machu Picchu Take the optional Machu Picchu excursion, starting with a magical train ride, followed by a guided visit to the ruins. Evening return to Cusco or spend a night here and return on Sunday. You can also take the Short Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu.

Day 10 (Sun) Cusco If you spend a night at Machu Picchu or walk the Short Inca Trail, today you can further explore Machu Picchu, returning to Cusco in the evening. Otherwise, have a free day in Cusco to get to know the city better; visit some of the 500 Inca sites around the city or try one of the many adventure sports on offer.

Day 11 (Mon) Cusco Optional Inca Cusco excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city.

Day 12 (Tue) Lima Morning flight to Lima. Afternoon free. Shop in fashionable Miraflores or visit the Archaeological Museum (1 night).

Day 13 (Wed) Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 14 (Thu) Arrival in the UK.



Try to spot giant river otters on Sandoval oxbow lake in a dugout canoe

ITINERARY: RESERVA AMAZONICA

The Reserva Amazonica is a superior lodge, where you can choose which excursions to take when you arrive. A suggested jungle itinerary is as follows:

Day 1 - Day 2 Follow itinerary on page 24.

Day 3 Jungle Morning flight to Puerto Maldonado, followed by a 45-minute boat ride down the Madre de Dios River to your lodge. After lunch, take your first guided tour into the jungle, then take a late afternoon boat ride, looking for nocturnal animals as night falls (3 nights).

Day 4 Jungle Walk through the forest to Lago Sandoval, where you take a canoe ride on this giant oxbow lake, home to river otters, macaws and other colourful birds. After lunch, visit the canopy walkway, linking 8 observation platforms, allowing

you to see the jungle from a different perspective. Look for giant strangler fig trees, orchids, toucans and woodpeckers. Then walk through the forest, along a 200-metre bridge over flooded marshland.

Day 5 Jungle Visit Gamitana Creek, where you have a two-hour walk following the dark-water stream upriver. The creek is home to caimans, turtles and varied birdlife. Observe the local wildlife then board a canoe for a one-hour ride to the Gamitana model farm. In the afternoon, visit the Hacienda Concepción, where the garden has more than 200 medicinal plants which grow in the jungle. After dinner, take a night walk through the forest, listening to the sounds of the jungle and looking for nocturnal creatures.

Day 6 - Day 14 Follow itinerary on page 24.

ITINERARY: TAMBOPATA RESEARCH CENTER

The Tambopata Research Center, located deep in the jungle in the Tambopata National Reserve, is surrounded by primary forest and offers an excellent opportunity for spotting wildlife. One of the highlights is the world's largest macaw clay lick, where hundreds of parrots and macaws of up to 15 species gather on clear mornings. The best months for the lick are July to November.

Day 1 - Day 2 Follow itinerary on page 24.

Day 3 Jungle Morning flight to Puerto Maldonado. Take a one-hour bus transfer then a two-and-a-half-hour boat ride upriver to the lodge, located in Tambopata National Reserve, which is surrounded by primary forest with no human habitation. Take a walk through the forest, looking for dusky titi and howler monkeys. Enjoy a well-earned dinner and an introduction to the lodge then take a night walk to look for frogs. (3 nights)

Day 4 Jungle A dawn excursion to observe the macaw

clay lick. Then take a walk through the rainforest, looking for monkeys and peccaries. After lunch, visit the pond platform to look for lakeside birds, including hoatzin and flycatchers. In the evening, scientists will give a lecture on the macaw project.

Day 5 Jungle In the morning, there is another chance to visit the macaw lick. Then, step over the winding "highways" of peaceful leaf-cutter ants on the rainforest hike, where you spot birdlife, monkeys and abundant flora with the help of a knowledgeable guide who knows the forest inside out. In the evening, the Sunset Cruise floats down the river, allowing you to witness a spectacular sunset in the Amazon.

Day 6 - Day 14 Early start for the 4-hour boat ride to Puerto Maldonado. Follow itinerary on page 24.

A four or five-night stay in the Tambopata Research Center is possible for a deeper experience. Ask us for more details.



Stay at the Tambopata Research Center and visit the world's largest macaw clay lick

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Incas & Conquistadors + The Jungle (12 nights) | |
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| March 2023 | 2659 |
| April 2023 | 2689 |
| May 2023 | 2739 |
| June 2023 | 2789 |
| 1-15 July 2023 | 3009 |
| 16 July - 19 August 2023 | 3209 |
| 20-31 August 2023 | 3009 |
| September 2023 | 2789 |
| October 2023 | 2759 |
| November 2023 | 2709 |
| Single supplement | 540 |

Departures Fridays from 17 Mar to 10 Nov 2023. Prices are from London; for regional departures see p128.

Standard hotels included in prices above

Lima Casa Andina Select

Cusco Los Portales

Jungle Hacienda Concepción†

†For cabaña room, add £60 (£770 single)

Jungle is full board. Hotels are bed & breakfast

Alternative Jungle Lodges Supplement

Reserva Amazonica **£200** (£240 single)

Tambopata Research Center **£600** (£700 single)

Superior hotels Supplement

Lima AC by Marriott **£120** (£240 single)

Cusco C. Andina Premium **£180** (£360 single)

Cusco Aranwa **£270** (£540 single)

C. Andina Premium Cusco Special Offer:

Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Casa Andina Premium) for only **£239** (£479 single)

Aranwa Cusco Special Offer:

Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Aranwa) for only **£329** (£659 single)

Optional Excursions

Colonial Lima **£50**

Inca Cusco **£90**

Sacred Valley **£90**

Machu Picchu* **£410**

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*Short Inca Trail includes Machu Picchu entrance and return train. Excursion package excluding Machu Picchu: **£189**

Peru on a Plate **£120**

Two Nights in the Sacred Valley†

Hacienda Urubamba **£200** (£250 single)

Price is on top of the Sacred Valley excursion price

† Prices are based on checking out of your hotel in Cusco for these nights. For upgrade in Cusco, deduct from these prices £25 (£50 single) per night, for Casa Andina Premium and £40 (£80 single) for Aranwa

For information on spending the night at Machu Picchu or the Short Inca Trail, please see information on pages 21

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

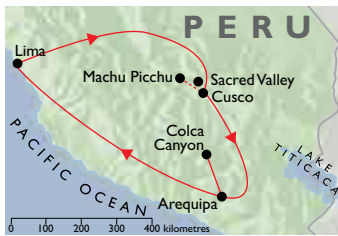


Spot howler monkeys in the Amazon Jungle

CONDORS & CONVENTS

AREQUIPA COLCA CANYON CUSCO (FOR MACHU PICCHU) LIMA

14 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS FROM £2859



Explore Arequipa, one of Peru's most beautiful cities



Watch condors soaring through the canyon



Visit the Colca Canyon, deeper than the Grand Canyon

Arequipa, a UNESCO Cultural World Heritage Site, has an impressive colonial centre largely built of white volcanic rock. A must is a visit to the vast Santa Catalina Convent, founded in 1579, but only opened to the public in 1970. Here, the wealthiest nuns had up to 4 servants to accompany them. Three immense volcanoes rise above the city. Chachani, at 6,075m, is the highest, but it is the near-perfect cone of El Misti which dominates.

The nearby Colca Canyon, deeper than the Grand Canyon, offers incredible views, as well as one of the best opportunities to see the world's largest flying birds in the wild. Giant condors rise up on the thermals, and, if you are lucky, glide past only metres away. Relax in the hot volcanic springs and explore the traditional villages of the canyon.

Customer Rating for Condors & Convents

Overall  94%




HOTELS IN AREQUIPA

CASA ANDINA SELECT, AREQUIPA



With a great location on Arequipa's historic Plaza de Armas, overlooking the cathedral, the hotel has a restaurant with a beautiful terrace, and a small pool on the roof terrace. Rooms are en-suite with a modern design.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall  86%
 Service  89%
 Location  97%

CASA ANDINA PREMIUM, AREQUIPA



A boutique hotel located in the historical centre in the beautiful Mint House, one of Arequipa's finest colonial buildings. There is a restaurant, bar and 2 colonial courtyards. The comfortable rooms have en-suite bathrooms.

COLCA LODGE

A bumpy ride takes you to this well-appointed lodge, beautifully set next to the Colca River at an altitude of 3,500m. The lodge has large grounds, its own thermal baths, horses and an alpaca ranch. Rooms are comfortable with en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall  88%
 Service  89%
 Location  99%



Colca Lodge, Colca Canyon

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sun) Lima Fly from the UK to Lima. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

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Day 3 (Tue) Cusco Morning flight to Cusco. Afternoon free to help you acclimatise to the altitude (6 nights).

Day 4 (Wed) Cusco Optional Inca Cusco excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city.

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better; visit some of the 500 Inca sites around the city or try one of the many adventure sports on offer.

Day 9 (Mon) Arequipa Fly to Arequipa in the morning, then take a tour of the historical centre, including the Santa Catalina Convent (1 night).

Day 10 (Tue) Colca Canyon Leave early for the Colca Canyon, an impressive journey over the Andes reaching almost 5,000m at one point, and passing herds of wild vicuña. After the drive, some of which is on unpaved roads, you arrive at your lodge in time for a welcome swim in the hot volcanic springs (1 night).

Day 11 (Wed) Arequipa Early morning trip to the edge of the canyon, one mile above the river, where condors rise on the thermals. Visit typical highland villages before returning to Arequipa in the evening (1 night).

Day 12 (Thu) Lima Morning flight to Lima. Afternoon free. Go shopping in fashionable Miraflores or try one of the city's many excellent seafood restaurants (1 night).

Day 13 (Fri) Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 14 (Sat) Arrival in the UK.

Ask us if you would like to spend 2 nights at the Colca Lodge. This gives more time to explore the Canyon: perhaps hike to a pre-Inca site, or hire a mountain bike; or just relax at the lodge and enjoy the thermal springs and beautiful grounds.



The Colca Lodge is set in beautiful grounds next to the Colca River

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LIMA CUSCO INCA TRAIL MACHU PICCHU

14 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS FROM £2849



Walk the classic Inca Trail, a four-day trek crossing high mountain passes to reach Machu Picchu

The famous Inca Trail is a spectacular four-day hike on paths used by the Incas before the arrival of the Spanish. You start in the Sacred Valley, rising through the Andes, before descending to the cloud forest of Machu Picchu. The scenery constantly changes as you hike and you are rewarded with some of the finest mountain views on earth. There is no better way to arrive at Machu Picchu than on foot at the Sun Gate at first light, visiting the ruins in the early morning before most of the tourists arrive.

Our trek includes porters to carry everything, cooks who prepare a varied menu; tents, sleeping bags and sleeping mats; and a guide who will explain the different Inca sites you pass.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Fri) Lima Fly from the UK to Lima. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 2 (Sat) Lima Take the optional Colonial Lima excursion to discover the city's fascinating past.

Day 3 (Sun) Cusco Morning flight to Cusco. Afternoon free to help you acclimatise to the altitude (4 nights).

Day 4 (Mon) Cusco Optional Inca Cusco excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city.

Day 5 (Tue) Cusco or Sacred Valley Take the optional Sacred Valley excursion, visiting Chinchero village and the Inca ruins at Ollantaytambo. You can also extend your stay by taking the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion, spending 2 nights in a Sacred Valley hotel.

Day 6 (Wed) Cusco or Sacred Valley Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion, visiting the Maras salt pans, Moray and Misminay. Alternatively, spend a free day in Cusco.

Day 7 (Thu) Inca Trail An early morning drive to the start of the trail, which follows the Urubamba River before starting to climb. Pass several Inca sites, including Llactapata, before arriving at Huayllabamba at 3,000m, where you have dinner and camp for the night.

Day 8 (Fri) Inca Trail A tough, but rewarding, day begins with a steep climb through woodland before arriving at Dead Woman's Pass at 4,200m, with spectacular views. You descend to your camp in the Pacasmayo Valley.

Day 9 (Sat) Inca Trail Today, you pass the fascinating ruins

of Runkuracay, Sayacmarca and Phuyupatamarca and cross the second pass at 4,000m. The trail clings to the side of the mountain, passing through a 500-year old Inca tunnel, before emerging to views of the cloud forest below. The path drops steeply, arriving at the fabulous Inca site of Wiñay Wayna, where you spend the night.

See page 21 for details of a Short Inca Trail option.

Regulations limit the number of people allowed on the Inca Trail and spaces fill up quickly. Therefore we recommend booking well in advance.

Customer Rating for Inca Trail

Overall 95%

Day 10 (Sun) Cusco Set off before dawn, arriving at the Sun Gate in the early morning for your first view of Machu Picchu. Carrying on to the ruins, you have a guided tour before descending to the valley of Aguas Calientes. Catch the afternoon train back to Cusco (2 nights).

Day 11 (Mon) Cusco A free day in Cusco to unwind after the trek or further explore the area.

Day 12 (Tue) Lima Morning flight to Lima. Afternoon free (1 night).

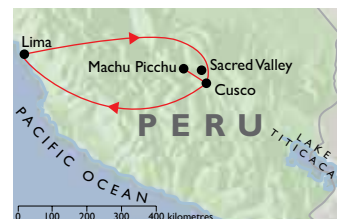
Day 13 (Wed) Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 14 (Thu) Arrival in the UK.

The Inca Trail is scheduled to use the campsites listed in the itinerary above. However, the Peruvian National Institute of Culture only confirms campsites on the Inca Trail shortly before the start of the trek and it is possible that these will differ.

A NIGHT AT MACHU PICCHU

If you are interested in spending a night at Machu Picchu after the Inca Trail, please ask us for details.



CAMPING

Good double tents are pitched for you at each overnight stop. Communal tents for eating. All meals are included.



Camping on the Inca Trail

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Month of departure | Incas & Conquistadors + Condors & Convents (12 nights) | Incas & Conquistadors + Inca Trail (12 nights) |
|--------------------|--|--|
| | March 2023 | 2859 |
| April 2023 | 2889 | 2879 |
| May 2023 | 2939 | 2929 |
| June 2023 | 2989 | 2979 |
| 1-15 July 2023 | 3209 | 3199 |
| 16 July - 19 Aug | 3409 | 3399 |
| 20-31 August | 3209 | 3199 |
| September 2023 | 2989 | 2979 |
| October 2023 | 2959 | 2949 |
| November 2023 | 2909 | 2899 |
| Single supplement | 640 | 480 |

Departures Condor & Convents: Sundays from 19 Mar to 12 Nov 2023. Inca Trail: Fridays from 17 Mar to 12 Nov 2023. Prices are from London; for regional departures see p128.

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Lima | Casa Andina Select |
| Cusco | Los Portales |
| Arequipa | Casa Andina Select |
| Colca Canyon | Colca Lodge |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast

Incas & Conquistadors + Inca Trail

| Superior hotels | Supplement |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Lima ACbyMarriott | £120 (£240 single) |
| Cusco C. Andina Premium | £180 (£360 single) |
| Cusco Aranwa | £270 (£540 single) |

Incas & Conquistadors + Condors & Convents

| Superior hotels | Supplement |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Areq. C. Andina Premium | £50 (£100 single) |

C. Andina Premium Cusco Special Offer:

Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Casa Andina Premium) for only **£239** (£479 single)

Aranwa Cusco Special Offer:

Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Aranwa) for only **£329** (£659 single)

Optional Excursions in Lima & Cusco

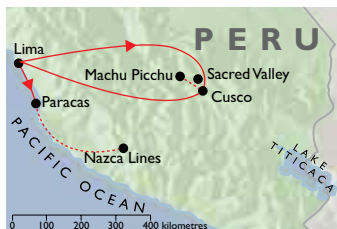
See pages 20-21 for optional excursions

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

THE PACIFIC COAST & NAZCA LINES

PARACAS CUSCO (FOR MACHU PICCHU) LIMA

14 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS FROM £2399



HOTELS IN PARACAS

HOTEL DOUBLETREE



On the Pacific shore, this 128-room hotel has a large swimming pool, spa and restaurant. There is also access to a private beach. Rooms are spacious with en-suite bathrooms, air conditioning and lovely views of the garden.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|--|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 84%;"><div style="width: 84%;"></div></div> | 84% |
| Service | <div style="width: 80%;"><div style="width: 80%;"></div></div> | 80% |
| Location | <div style="width: 69%;"><div style="width: 69%;"></div></div> | 69% |

HOTEL PARACAS LUXURY COLLECTION



One of the best hotels in Peru, situated right on the coast. It boasts two pools (one heated), a spa, restaurant and bar, and exceptional breakfasts. Rooms are comfortable and well appointed with en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|--|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 89%;"><div style="width: 89%;"></div></div> | 89% |
| Service | <div style="width: 89%;"><div style="width: 89%;"></div></div> | 89% |
| Location | <div style="width: 78%;"><div style="width: 78%;"></div></div> | 78% |



Sea lions on the Ballestas Islands



Nazca lines "hands" geoglyph



Fly over the Nazca lines to appreciate these incredible formations in the face of the desert

Just over 3 hours south of Lima, the small fishing village of Paracas has an attractive coastline and some of the best hotels in Peru. The area's main attraction is the world-famous Nazca Lines, ancient geoglyphs drawn in the desert sand by the Nazca people. An optional flight over the lines is the best way to experience this fascinating archaeological site and can be undertaken on a half-

day excursion. You can also relax around the hotel pool, enjoy a spa treatment or stroll along the beautiful long beach. Additionally, visit the Paracas National Reserve for excellent bird watching or take an excursion to the nearby Ballestas Islands to see sea lions and other marine wildlife.

Customer Rating for the Pacific Coast

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| Overall | <div style="width: 80%;"><div style="width: 80%;"></div></div> | 80% |
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ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sun) Lima Fly from the UK to Lima. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 2 (Mon) Lima Take the optional Colonial Lima excursion to discover the city's fascinating past.

Day 3 (Tue) Cusco Morning flight to Cusco. Afternoon free to explore this beautiful city (7 nights).

Day 4 (Wed) Cusco Optional Inca Cusco excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city.

Day 5 (Thu) Cusco or Sacred Valley Take the optional Sacred Valley excursion. You can also extend your stay by taking the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion.

Day 6 (Fri) Cusco or Sacred Valley Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion. Alternatively, spend a free day in Cusco.

Day 7 (Sat) Cusco or Machu Picchu Optional excursion to Machu Picchu, either return in the evening or spend the night. Alternatively, take the Short Inca Trail excursion.

Days 8 (Sun) Cusco If you spend a night at Machu Picchu or walk the Short Inca Trail, today you can further

explore Machu Picchu, returning to Cusco in the evening. Otherwise, have a free day in Cusco.

Day 9 (Mon) Cusco Free day in Cusco.

Day 10 (Tue) Paracas Morning flight to Lima. Transfer to the Cruz del Sur coach terminal for the 3½ -hour 'Cruzero' coach service down the coast to your hotel arriving in Paracas in the late afternoon (2 nights).

Day 11 (Wed) Paracas Take the optional Flight Over the Nazca Lines excursion, or enjoy a free day in and around your hotel.

Day 12 (Thu) Lima Free morning around your hotel, or take the optional Ballestas Islands Wildlife excursion where sea lions provide the entertainment. Return to Lima in the evening.

Day 13 (Fri) Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 14 (Sat) Arrival in the UK.

For a supplement, you can transfer straight from Paracas to Lima airport. Ask us for details.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

BALLESTAS ISLANDS WILDLIFE

Take to the water on this thrilling two-hour boat ride excursion to the Ballestas Islands, a magnificent little archipelago of jagged rocks, hidden caves and amazing wildlife. Watch as sea lions sunbathe on the rocks, Humboldt penguins waddle along the shore and pelicans dive bomb for fish right by your boat. Also enjoy a spectacular view of the huge 'Candelabra' geoglyph, carved into Pisco Bay. This excursion can be cancelled at short notice due to sea conditions.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

| | | |
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| Overall | <div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div> | 99% |
|---------|--|-----|

FLIGHT OVER THE NAZCA LINES

The Nazca Lines are 2,000-year-old etchings in the face of the desert. Mystery surrounds these giant geoglyphs, although they are believed to have been created by the Nazca people between 500BC and 500AD. Some of the etchings depict life forms such as animals, plants, birds and insects, while others form geometric shapes and straight or wavy lines up to 40 miles long. The best way to appreciate the lines is from above, and this 90-minute flight allows you to do just that. Looking down on them you will be amazed by their size, precision and diversity of depictions.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

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| Overall | <div style="width: 92%;"><div style="width: 92%;"></div></div> | 92% |
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GRAND TOUR OF PERU

LIMA AMAZON JUNGLE CUSCO (FOR MACHU PICCHU) LAKE TITICACA

AREQUIPA COLCA CANYON PARACAS

21 DAYS / 19 NIGHTS FROM £3649



Get to know the people of Peru, renowned for their friendly and welcoming attitude towards visitors

This tour allows you to visit all of the most popular sites in Peru, but at the more relaxed pace of Llama Travel, rather than the 'if this is Tuesday, this must be the Jungle' approach traditionally followed on tours of Peru. However, our prices for a three-week long tour visiting Cusco, Lima,

the Jungle, Lake Titicaca, Arequipa, the Colca Canyon and Paracas are usually less than other companies' prices for a two week tour visiting the same places.

Customer Rating for Grand Tour of Peru

Overall 94%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Fri) Lima Fly from the UK to Lima. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 2 (Sat) Lima Optional Colonial Lima excursion.

Day 3 (Sun) Jungle Morning flight to the jungle town of Puerto Maldonado. 25-minute canoe ride down river to the Hacienda Concepción lodge (3 nights).

Day 4 (Mon) Jungle A dawn hike to Sandoval oxbow lake to search for wildlife. In the afternoon, visit a canopy walkway, with its incredible views of primary forests from 30 metres up.

Day 5 (Tue) Jungle Morning visit to a native farm to learn about jungle cultivation. In the afternoon, paddle in search of hoatzin and other lakeside wildlife in a canoe.

Day 6 (Wed) Cusco Fly to Cusco. Afternoon free to help you acclimatise to the altitude (6 nights).

Day 7 (Thu) Cusco or Sacred Valley Take the optional Sacred Valley excursion or extend your stay by taking the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion, spending two nights in a Sacred Valley hotel.

Day 8 (Fri) Cusco or Sacred Valley Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion. Alternatively, spend a free day in Cusco.

Day 9 (Sat) Cusco or Machu Picchu Take the optional Machu Picchu excursion. Evening return to Cusco or spend a night here and return on Sunday. Alternatively take the Short Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu.

Day 10 (Sun) Cusco If you spend a night at Machu Picchu or walk the Short Inca Trail, today you can further explore Machu Picchu, returning to Cusco in the evening.

Otherwise, have a free day in Cusco.

Day 11 (Mon) Cusco Optional Inca Cusco excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city.

Day 12 (Tue) Puno A fascinating full-day coach journey across the altiplano. There is also the option to travel to Puno by luxury sleeper train.

Day 13 (Wed) Puno A full day on the lake, visiting the floating Uros Islands and Taquile Island. If you want to try something more adventurous, you can kayak through the reeds to the Uros Islands.

Day 14 (Thu) Colca Canyon Visit the funerary towers of Sillustani before taking a 5-hour road transfer across the Andes to the Colca Canyon, where you can swim in the hot springs (1 night).

Day 15 (Fri) Arequipa Visit the edge of the canyon, one mile above the river, to look for the condors. Then pass typical highland villages before travelling to Arequipa (2 nights).

Day 16 (Sat) Arequipa Take a tour of the historical centre, including the Santa Catalina Convent.

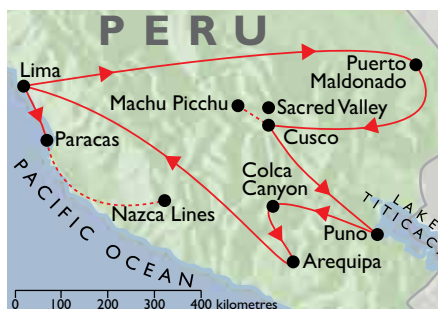
Day 17 (Sun) Paracas Morning flight to Lima then take the coach to Paracas, arriving in the late afternoon (2 nights).

Day 18 (Mon) Paracas Free day to relax around the hotel or take the optional Flight over the Nazca Lines excursion.

Day 19 (Tue) Lima Free morning around Paracas. Optional Ballestas Islands Wildlife excursion. Return to Lima in the evening (1 night).

Day 20 (Wed) Lima Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 21 (Thu) Arrival in the UK.



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Month of departure | Incas & Conquistadors + Pacific Coast (12 nights) | Grand Tour of Peru (19 nights) |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| | March 2023 | 2399 |
| April 2023 | 2429 | 3679 |
| May 2023 | 2479 | 3729 |
| June 2023 | 2529 | 3779 |
| 1-15 July 2023 | 2749 | 3999 |
| 16 July - 19 Aug | 2949 | 4199 |
| 20-31 August | 2749 | 3999 |
| September 2023 | 2529 | 3779 |
| October 2023 | 2499 | 3749 |
| November 2023 | 2449 | 3699 |
| Single supplement | 630 | 960 |

Departures Pacific Coast: Sundays from 19 Mar to 12 Nov 2023. Grand Tour: Fridays from 17 Mar to 10 Nov 2023. Prices are from London; for regional departures see p128.

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Lima | Casa Andina Select |
| Cusco | Los Portales |
| Jungle | Hacienda Concepción* |
| Puno | Lago Titicaca |
| Colca Canyon | Colca Lodge |
| Arequipa | Casa Andina Select |
| Paracas | Hotel Doubletree |

*For cabaña room, add £60 (£770 single)

Jungle is full board. Hotels are bed & breakfast

| Alternative Jungle Lodges | Supplement |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Reserva Amazonica | £200 (£240 single) |
| Tambopata Research Center | £600 (£700 single) |

| Incas & Conquistadors + Pacific Coast | |
|--|--------------------|
| Superior hotels | Supplement |
| Lima AC by Marriott | £120 (£240 single) |
| Cusco C. Andina Premium | £210 (£420 single) |
| Cusco Aranwa | £315 (£630 single) |
| Parac. Luxury Collection | £120 (£240 single) |
| C. Andina Premium Cusco Special Offer: | |
| Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Casa Andina Premium) for only £269 (£539 single) | |
| Aranwa Cusco Special Offer: | |
| Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Aranwa) for only £369 (£739 single) | |

| Grand Tour of Peru | |
|--|--------------------|
| Superior hotels | Supplement |
| Lima AC by Marriott | £160 (£320 single) |
| Cusco C. Andina Premium | £180 (£360 single) |
| Cusco Aranwa | £270 (£540 single) |
| Areq. C. Andina Premium | £50 (£100 single) |
| Parac. Luxury Collection | £120 (£240 single) |
| C. Andina Premium Cusco Special Offer: | |
| Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Casa Andina Premium) for only £269 (£539 single) | |
| Aranwa Cusco Special Offer: | |
| Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Aranwa) for only £359 (£719 single) | |

Optional Excursions in Lima & Cusco
See pages 20-21 for optional excursions

Belmond Andean Explorer Sleeper & Optional Excursions in Lake Titicaca
See page 23

| Optional Excursions in Paracas | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Ballestas Islands Wildlife | £40 |
| Flight over the Nazca Lines | £340 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

TWO OR MORE EXTENSIONS

16 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS FROM £2779

If you cannot choose between our extensions, and want to take more than one, you can take one of the following 16 day / 14 night holidays. These combine our Incas and Conquistadors holiday, described on page 19, with two of our extensions (pages 22 - 28).

The itineraries listed offer a basic outline of the holidays. Details of each day can be found under the relevant sections earlier in the brochure.

In addition to the five holidays on these pages, you can also make your own holiday combining two other extensions, or even create a longer holiday by combining three or more extensions. Call us to discuss your requirements.

It is possible to extend your holiday to visit the beautiful beaches of northern Peru, or even combine a holiday to Peru with a cruise to the natural wonders of the Galapagos Islands; or to the incredible sights of Buenos Aires, the Iguazu Falls and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. See pages 32 to 34 if you are interested in these options.



Stay in Peru's second largest city, Arequipa, with the stunning backdrop of El Misti Volcano

INCAS & CONQUISTADORS

PLUS

INCA TRAIL + LAKE TITICACA

- Day 1 (Fri) Fly to Lima (2 nts)
- Day 2 (Sat) Optional Colonial Lima excursion
- Day 3 (Sun) Fly to Cusco (4 nts)
- Day 4 (Mon) Optional Inca Cusco excursion
- Day 5 (Tue) Optional Sacred Valley excursion. Extend your stay on the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion.
- Day 6 (Wed) Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion or free day in Cusco
- Day 7 (Thu) Start the Inca Trail (3 nts)
- Day 8 (Fri) Inca Trail
- Day 9 (Sat) Inca Trail
- Day 10 (Sun) Visit Machu Picchu before returning by train to Cusco (2 nts)
- Day 11 (Mon) Free day in Cusco
- Day 12 (Tue) Coach or train to Lake Titicaca (2 nts)
- Day 13 (Wed) Day on Lake Titicaca. Optional kayaking.
- Day 14 (Thu) Fly to Lima (1 nt)
- Day 15 (Fri) Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly to the UK
- Day 16 (Sat) Arrive in the UK

Departures: Fridays from 17 Mar to 10 Nov 2023

INCAS & CONQUISTADORS

PLUS

THE JUNGLE + LAKE TITICACA

- Day 1 (Fri) Fly to Lima (2 nts)
- Day 2 (Sat) Optional Colonial Lima excursion
- Day 3 (Sun) Fly to the Jungle (3 nts)
- Day 4 (Mon) Jungle excursions
- Day 5 (Tue) Jungle excursions
- Day 6 (Wed) Fly to Cusco (6 nts)
- Day 7 (Thu) Optional Sacred Valley excursion. Extend your stay on the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion
- Day 8 (Fri) Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion or free day in Cusco
- Day 9 (Sat) Optional Machu Picchu excursion or Short Inca Trail
- Day 10 (Sun) Free day in Cusco or Machu Picchu
- Day 11 (Mon) Optional Inca Cusco excursion
- Day 12 (Tue) Coach or train to Lake Titicaca (2 nts)
- Day 13 (Wed) Day on Lake Titicaca. Optional kayaking.
- Day 14 (Thu) Fly to Lima (1 nt)
- Day 15 (Fri) Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly to the UK
- Day 16 (Sat) Arrive in the UK

Departures: Fridays and from 17 Mar to 10 Nov 2023

INCAS & CONQUISTADORS

PLUS

THE JUNGLE + INCA TRAIL

- Day 1 (Tue) Fly to Lima (2 nts)
- Day 2 (Wed) Optional Colonial Lima excursion
- Day 3 (Thu) Fly to the Jungle (3 nts)
- Day 4 (Fri) Jungle excursions
- Day 5 (Sat) Jungle excursions
- Day 6 (Sun) Fly to Cusco (4 nts)
- Day 7 (Mon) Optional Inca Cusco excursion
- Day 8 (Tue) Optional Sacred Valley excursion. Extend your stay on the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion.
- Day 9 (Wed) Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion or free day in Cusco
- Day 10 (Thu) Start Inca Trail (3 nts)
- Day 11 (Fri) Inca Trail
- Day 12 (Sat) Inca Trail
- Day 13 (Sun) Visit Machu Picchu before returning by train to Cusco (1 nt)
- Day 14 (Mon) Fly to Lima (1 nt)
- Day 15 (Tue) Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly to the UK
- Day 16 (Wed) Arrive in the UK

Departures: Tuesdays from 14 Mar to 7 Nov 2023



INCAS & CONQUISTADORS

PLUS

LAKE TITICACA + CONDORS & CONVENTS

- Day 1 (Sun) Fly to Lima (2 nts)
- Day 2 (Mon) Optional Colonial Lima excursion
- Day 3 (Tue) Fly to Cusco (7 nts)
- Day 4 (Wed) Optional Inca Cusco excursion
- Day 5 (Thu) Optional Sacred Valley excursion. Extend your stay on the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion
- Day 6 (Fri) Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion or free day in Cusco
- Day 7 (Sat) Optional Machu Picchu excursion or Short Inca Trail
- Day 8 (Sun) Free day in Cusco or Machu Picchu
- Day 9 (Mon) Free day in Cusco
- Day 10 (Tue) Coach or train to Lake Titicaca (2 nts)
- Day 11 (Wed) Day on Lake Titicaca. Optional kayaking.
- Day 12 (Thu) Travel to the Colca Canyon (1 nt)
- Day 13 (Fri) Visit canyon then travel to Arequipa (2 nts)
- Day 14 (Sat) Arequipa city tour
- Day 15 (Sun) Fly to Lima (1 nt)
- Day 16 (Mon) Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly to the UK
- Day 17 (Tue) Arrive in the UK

Departures: Sundays from 19 Mar to 12 Nov 2023



INCAS & CONQUISTADORS

PLUS

LAKE TITICACA + PACIFIC COAST

- Day 1 (Sun) Fly to Lima (2 nts)
- Day 2 (Mon) Optional Colonial Lima excursion
- Day 3 (Tue) Fly to Cusco (7 nts)
- Day 4 (Wed) Optional Inca Cusco excursion
- Day 5 (Thu) Optional Sacred Valley excursion. Extend your stay on the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion
- Day 6 (Fri) Continue the Two Nights In The Sacred Valley excursion or free day in Cusco
- Day 7 (Sat) Optional Machu Picchu excursion or Short Inca Trail
- Day 8 (Sun) Free day in Cusco or Machu Picchu
- Day 9 (Mon) Free day in Cusco
- Day 10 (Tue) Coach or train to Lake Titicaca (2 nts)
- Day 11 (Wed) Day on Lake Titicaca. Optional kayaking.
- Day 12 (Thu) Fly to Lima (1 nt)
- Day 13 (Fri) Coach to Paracas (2 nts)
- Day 14 (Sat) Optional Flight over the Nazca Lines
- Day 15 (Sun) Optional Islands excursion. Back to Lima (1 nt)
- Day 16 (Mon) Optional Peru on a Plate. Fly to the UK
- Day 17 (Tue) Arrive in the UK

Departures: Sundays from 19 Mar to 12 Nov 2023



Learn how each layer of the Moray terracing has its own micro-climate



Meet llamas on your Peru holiday

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PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Month of departure | Incas & Conquistadors + Inca Trail + Lake Titicaca (14 nights) | Incas & Conquistadors + The Jungle + Lake Titicaca (14 nights) | Incas & Conquistadors + The Jungle + Inca Trail (14 nights) | Incas & Conquistadors + Lake Titicaca + Condors & Convents (15 nights) | Incas & Conquistadors + Lake Titicaca + The Pacific Coast (15 nights) |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| | March 2023 | 3249 | 3009 | 3509 | 2979 |
| April 2023 | 3279 | 3039 | 3539 | 3009 | 2809 |
| May 2023 | 3329 | 3089 | 3589 | 3059 | 2859 |
| June 2023 | 3379 | 3139 | 3639 | 3109 | 2909 |
| 1-15 July 2023 | 3599 | 3359 | 3859 | 3329 | 3129 |
| 16 July - 19 August 2023 | 3799 | 3559 | 4059 | 3529 | 3329 |
| 20-31 August 2023 | 3599 | 3559 | 3859 | 3329 | 3129 |
| September 2023 | 3379 | 3139 | 3639 | 3109 | 2909 |
| October 2023 | 3349 | 3109 | 3609 | 3079 | 2879 |
| November 2023 | 3299 | 3059 | 3559 | 3029 | 2829 |
| Single supplement | 580 | 640 | 540 | 780 | 730 |

| Standard hotels included in prices above | | | | | |
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| Lima | Casa Andina Select | Puno | Lago Titicaca | | |
| Cusco | Los Portales | Arequipa | Casa Andina Select | | |
| Inca Trail | Camping | Colca Canyon | Colca Lodge | | |
| The Jungle | Hacienda Concepción* | Paracas | Doubletree | | |

| | Incas & Conquistadors + Inca Trail + Lake Titicaca | Incas & Conquistadors + The Jungle + Lake Titicaca | Incas & Conquistadors + The Jungle + Inca Trail | Incas & Conquistadors + Lake Titicaca + Condors & Convents | Incas & Conquistadors + Lake Titicaca + The Pacific Coast | |
|-----------------|--|--|---|--|---|--------------------|
| | | | | | | Superior hotels |
| Lima | AC by Marriott | £180 (£360 single) | £180 (£360 single) | £150 (£300 single) | £210 (£420 single) | £210 (£420 single) |
| Cusco | Casa Andina Premium | £270 (£540 single) | £270 (£540 single) | £225 (£450 single) | £315 (£630 single) | £315 (£630 single) |
| Cusco | Aranwa | n/a | n/a | n/a | £50 (£100 single) | n/a |
| Arequipa | Casa Andina Premium | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | £120 (£240 single) |
| Paracas | Luxury Collection | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | £120 (£240 single) |

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| Special Offer: Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Casa Andina Premium) | £239 (£479 single) | £239 (£479 single) | £209 (£419 single) | £269 (£539 single) | £299 (£599 single) |
| Special Offer: Upgrade in Lima & Cusco (Aranwa) | £329 (£659 single) | £329 (£659 single) | £289 (£579 single) | £369 (£739 single) | £399 (£779 single) |

Jungle is full board. Hotels are bed & breakfast

Prices are from London; for regional departures see p128

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

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| Alternative Jungle Lodges | Supplement |
| Reserva Amazonica | £200 (£230 single) |
| Tambopata Research Center | £600 (£700 single) |

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| Optional Excursions see pages 20-21 | |
| Colonial Lima | £50 |
| Inca Cusco | £90 |
| Sacred Valley | £90 |
| Machu Picchu* | £410 |

Special Offer:
all four excursions for just **£569**

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| *Short Inca Trail includes Machu Picchu entrance and return train. Excursion package excluding Machu Picchu: | £189 |
| Peru on a Plate | £120 |
| Kayaking on Lake Titicaca | £60 |
| Ballestas Islands Wildlife | £40 |
| Flight over Nazca Lines | £340 |

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| Two Nights in the Sacred Valley[†] | |
| Hacienda Urubamba | £200 (£250 single) |
| Price is on top of the Sacred Valley excursion price | |

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| A Night at Machu Picchu[†] | |
| El Mapi | £45 (£85 single) |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | £200 (£300 single) |
| Sanctuary Lodge | £700 (£1250 single) |

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| Short Inca Trail (2 days)[†] | |
| 2 day excursion including night at: | |
| El Mapi | £520 (£560 single) |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | £675 (£775 single) |
| Sanctuary Lodge | £1175 (£1725 single) |

[†] Prices are based on checking out of your hotel in Cusco for these nights. For upgrade in Cusco, deduct from these prices £25 (£50 single) per night, for Casa Andina Premium and £40 (£80 single) for Aranwa

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| Belmond Andean Explorer Sleeper | |
| See page 23 | |

EXTENSION TO HOLIDAYS IN PERU

MANCORA BEACH

3 NIGHTS FROM £819

MANCORA HOTEL

ARENNAS MANCORA



The Arennas Mancora is a stylish boutique hotel with only 22 rooms, right on the sandy beach. It boasts an excellent restaurant, spa and pool area. En-suite rooms have air conditioning and are stylishly decorated, with terraces overlooking the oasis-like gardens.



Each room has a terrace



Enjoy a sun-downer in the bar



The hotel has fabulous sea views.



Las Pocitas beach, Mancora

This extension allows you to end your Peru holiday with three nights in the laid-back beach town of Mancora in northern Peru.

The location of Arennas Mancora on the calm shores of the Pacific Ocean make for a relaxing beach break at the end of an action-packed trip around Peru. The hotel has great facilities including spa treatment, a restaurant that sources local ingredients and a pool area surrounded by luscious gardens.

The hotel has day beds on the long white-sand beach, and paddle boards and beach bikes to enjoy the area. The sea is usually warm and safe for swimming, although life guards are not usually

present, so always check with the hotel.

Mancora is a relaxing little town only a 15-minute drive away with more beaches and amenities to enjoy. The warm ocean temperatures and seaside restaurants serve up affordable local seafood dishes, such as ceviche, with peaceful views and ambiance.

This part of the world has a semi-tropical climate which is dry and sunny all year round. Winter temperatures between June and August dip into the 20s, while summer temperatures are usually in the 30s. The town is moderated by the ocean breeze, so can feel cooler, and can even get quite windy in the afternoons.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Mancora Fly from Cusco to Talara via Lima then take a 90-minute transfer to your hotel in Mancora. Spend the rest of the day settling in or perhaps take a stroll along the beach (3 nights).

Day 2 Mancora How you spend your time in Mancora is completely up to you. Arennas Mancora has a stylish bar and good-quality restaurant as well as a lovely pool area overlooking Las Pocitas beach. Alternatively, the town of Mancora is just 5 kilometres down the road, accessible by taxi (15 minutes), or perhaps an energetic bike ride along the beach.

Day 3 Mancora Spend today walking along the beach or sipping cocktails by the pool and taking in the serene views. Alternatively, take advantage of the hotel's in-house excursion options, perhaps go whale-watching, go on a deep-sea fishing expedition. For something a little less demanding, enjoy a spa treatment before a delicious meal of Peruvian-fusion food at the hotel restaurant.

Day 4 Lima After breakfast, return to Talara airport after a 90-minute road transfer then catch a flight back to Lima for your final night in Peru.



Enjoy the white-sand beaches of Las Pocitas



Relax just a few steps from Mancora's golden beaches



Spot whales off the coast



Mancora is popular among local surfers

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| Mancora Beach Extension (3 nights) | | | |
|--|----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Arennas Mancora | 3 nights | each night | single supplement per night |
| Garden View | £819 | £120 | £120 |
| Board: bed and breakfast | | | |
| Prices vary throughout the year, please contact us for details. | | | |
| Ocean view rooms available at a supplement | | | |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate this extension. | | | |

BUENOS AIRES, RIO & IGUAZU FALLS

8 NIGHTS FROM £1949



Iguazu falls is the largest waterfall system in the world

Combine your adventure in Peru with a visit to the spectacular Iguazu Falls and the excitement of Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. The Iguazu Falls are possibly the most spectacular waterfalls in the world. Stretching for over a mile and a half, with over 270 falls up to 80 metres tall, the falls are located in lush sub-tropical forest straddling the border of Argentina and Brazil.

Culture abounds in stylish Buenos Aires, where the local Porteños are lively, no-nonsense people who

are proud of their city. The European influence is evidenced throughout the capital, from the beautiful architecture, to the medialuna, the croissant's smaller, Argentinian pastry-cousin.

Rio de Janeiro has one of the world's most stunning natural settings, with beautiful bays, hills rolling into the ocean and tropical beaches. Enjoy the bustling life on Copacabana and Ipanema beaches and dance to the rhythms of the samba.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Buenos Aires Fly from Cusco to Buenos Aires via Lima, where you are met and taken to your hotel (3 nights).

Day 2 Buenos Aires A free day to explore the capital or take the Historic Buenos Aires excursion. In the evening, take our optional Tango Dinner Show Excursion.

Day 3 Buenos Aires Another free day to explore Buenos Aires, or perhaps take the Colonial Uruguay excursion to visit another country.

Day 4 Puerto Iguazu Fly to Puerto Iguazu, and take a guided excursion to the Brazillian side of Iguazu Falls.

Day 5 Puerto Iguazu A free day to explore the falls. Explore the Argentinian side of the falls on foot,

or if you prefer a guided tour, take the optional Argentinian Iguazu Falls excursion.

Day 6 Rio Fly to Rio de Janeiro from Foz do Iguazu (3 nights).

Days 7 Rio A free day in Rio. Take the optional Iconic Rio excursion, visiting the highlights of the capital. take the cable car to the Sugarloaf and enjoy the stunning views from the Christ the Redeemer statue.

Days 8 Rio Another Free day in Rio. Explore the city further or relax on the beach, or take the Santa Teresa excursion for a tour of Rio's most picturesque and bohemian neighbourhood.

Days 9 Fly overnight from Rio to the UK.

Days 10 Arrive in the UK.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

We offer a number of optional excursions, designed to help you get the most out of these iconic South American destinations. For full descriptions of the excursions, see page 55. Prices may vary depending on the size of your party.



Enjoy a Tango dinner show in Buenos Aires

HISTORIC BUENOS AIRES

A half day tour of Buenos Aires' historic landmarks

TANGO DINNER SHOW

Watch a live tango performance whilst enjoying a meal.

COLONIAL URUGUAY

A full-day trip to a charming Uruguayan colonial town.

ARGENTINIAN IGUAZU FALLS

A tour of the Argentinian side of the falls.

ICONIC RIO

Visit the sights of Rio, including Christ the Redeemer.

SANTA TERESA

Explore Rio's most picturesque neighbourhood.



Christ the Redeemer stands over Rio de Janeiro



Visit colourful La Boca in Buenos Aires



Take the cable car to Sugarloaf Mountain in Rio

HOTELS

See pages 54 - 55 for details of hotels in Iguazu Falls and Rio de Janeiro.

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| Buenos Aires, Rio & Iguazu Falls extension (8 nights) | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| £1949 (£2469 single) | |
| <i>An extra charge may be payable for rearranging return flights from Rio or for the flight from Lima to Buenos Aires</i> | |
| Standard hotels included in prices above | |
| Buenos Aires | NH Lancaster |
| Iguazu | Mercure |
| Rio | Novotel Rio Leme |
| Accommodation is bed and breakfast. | |
| Superior hotels <i>Supplement</i> | |
| B. Aires Sofitel | £150 (£XXX single) |
| Iguazu Loi Suites | £120 (£240 single) |
| | Melia* £200 (£400 single) |
| Rio California | £75 (£150 single) |
| *Melia prices vary. Please ask us for details | |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate this extension. | |

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

5 NIGHTS FROM £2849

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| Galapagos Islands extension | |
|---|---|
| Galapagos Island Stay (5 day hotel) (6 night extension) | £2849 (£500 single supplement) |
| Solaris (7 day cruise) (8 night extension) | £5449 (£200 single supplement) |
| Solaris (5 day cruise) (6 night extension) | £4249 (£200 single supplement) |
| Galapagos Treasure (7 day cruise) (8 night extension) | £5449 (£1200 single supplement) |
| Galapagos Treasure (5 day cruise) (6 night extension) | £4249 (£900 single supplement) |
| Archipel (8 day cruise) (9 night extension) | £4949 (£3150 single supplement) |

On some dates an extra charge may be payable for rearranging return flights from Quito / Guayaquil or for the flight from Lima to Quito

Galapagos Entrance Fee: The National Park entrance fee of US\$100 and transit tax of US\$20 are included in our prices. Please also read 'Our Prices' section on page 128.

Hotel/boat included in prices above

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| Quito | Reina Isabel |
| Guayaquil | Unipark |
| Galapagos | Galapagos Suites Hotel; Solaris; Archipel; Treasure |

Please ask us about superior hotels.

All meals are included on Galapagos cruises. Hotels are bed and breakfast

Optional Excursions

See pages 44-45 for excursions in Quito

Important read pages 36, 129-30 before booking



Galapagos sea lions have no natural predators, so are playful and inquisitive

Combine the incredible sights of Peru with the natural wonders of the remote Galapagos Islands. We have put together a number of Galapagos options that you can add to your holiday in Peru. The Galapagos Islands are expensive. However, for those who are lucky enough to visit the islands, this is a truly unforgettable experience.

There are no natural predators on the islands, so the wildlife is not afraid of humans. This way, you have the opportunity to observe different land and marine creatures, as well as birds, at incredibly close quarters. Some of the wildlife you are likely to see on the Galapagos Islands include frigate

birds, Galapagos penguins, sea lions, flightless cormorants, turtles, giant tortoises, land and marine iguanas, dolphins, sharks and three species of booby.

We offer cruises of different lengths as well as a hotel-based visit to the Galapagos. For full itineraries, information on the Galapagos Islands, boats, Quito hotels and excursions, see pages 37 - 45.

Galapagos extensions also include nights in Quito or Guayaquil on the Ecuador mainland. More nights may be necessary to fit in with the start of the cruise.

ITINERARY

Each boat or hotel has a different itinerary, but all follow a similar structure. Below is a sample itinerary for the Galapagos Island Stay extension. See pages 38 - 43 for full details of cruise and hotel options.

Day 1 Quito Fly from Lima to Quito in Ecuador (1 nt).

Day 2 Galapagos, Santa Cruz Morning flight to the Galapagos. Visit the giant tortoise ranch then continue to your hotel in Puerto Ayora (4 nights).

Day 3 Bartolomé and Sullivan Bay Embark on a full day boat excursion. First, visit Sullivan Bay to see strange lava formations and lava lizards. Lunch on board, then climb to the summit of Bartolomé for great views. Swim from the beach, where there are penguins. Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

Day 4 Santa Cruz Walk to Tortuga Bay, a beautiful beach with marine iguanas, sharks and birdlife. Have lunch in town and then visit the Charles Darwin Research Station before returning to the hotel.

Day 5 North Seymour Full day boat excursion to North Seymour, home to a large colony of sea birds including frigates, blue-footed boobies and noddy turns. Also see land and marine iguanas. After lunch on board, visit beautiful Bachas Beach to swim, before returning to the hotel.

Day 6 Transfer to the airport for your flight to mainland Ecuador and your connecting overnight flight to the UK.

Day 7 Arrive in the UK.



Galapagos is home to both marine and land iguanas



Watch Blue-footed boobies dance



Spot flamingos on Santiago Island



Galapagos Tortoises are the largest living species of tortoise



Male Frigate birds inflate their gular pouch to attract females



Brightly-coloured Sally Lightfoot crabs roam Galapagos' beaches

GALAPAGOS & ECUADOR

The Galapagos are famous as the islands that led to the theory of evolution. Today, visiting the islands and swimming in the surrounding waters, you can see the same wildlife that Charles Darwin saw on the Beagle in 1835. As the wildlife is not afraid of humans, you have an unparalleled opportunity to have a real close encounter with nature.

However, the Galapagos Islands are only part of the wonders of Ecuador. The equator crosses the country (hence the country's name) and the Andes run the full length of the mainland, with snow-capped volcanoes, traditional markets and beautiful colonial cities. The summit of Chimborazo, Ecuador's tallest mountain, is actually the furthest point from the centre of the earth. You can also visit some of the best preserved jungle in the Amazon rainforest and the cloud forest near Quito contains an incredible variety of birdlife. Visiting Ecuador gives you an outstanding opportunity to combine the beauty of the Andes with the amazing nature of the Galapagos and the Amazon.



WHEN TO GO

In the highlands, including Quito, the dry season is from June to September, when it is usually warm and sunny. At other times, there is more rain, although this is usually not every day. Temperatures are warm during the day and mild at night. In the Galapagos, the weather is hottest from January to May, and sea temperatures are warmest, around 25°C. From June to November, there is little rain and the weather is usually cooler, and the sea temperatures are around 22°C. It is often overcast at this time of year, especially in July and August.

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| Quito | Av. max temp (°C) | 19 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 19 | 18 | |
| | Av. min temp (°C) | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 11 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 11 | 10 |
| Galapagos | Av. max temp (°C) | 30 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 28 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 27 | |
| | Av. min temp (°C) | 22 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 7 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

CUSTOMER RATINGS

Below are the overall scores from Llama Travel customers who travelled to Galapagos & Ecuador in 2022.

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| Holiday Overall | <div style="width: 98%;"></div> | 98% |
| Value for money | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> | 83% |
| Ecuador as a holiday destination | <div style="width: 98%;"></div> | 98% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="width: 96%;"></div> | 96% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="width: 74%;"></div> | 74% |



See blue-footed boobies in the Galapagos Islands

VISITOR INFORMATION

Itineraries Itineraries are fixed by the Galapagos authorities and cannot be varied. However, these are subject to change by the park authorities at short notice and can be affected by local conditions, airport closures or other factors. The activities at each site specified in the itineraries may vary and will be determined by the guide.

Some longer cruise itineraries are made up of 2 shorter cruises, and so some guests may start or end their cruise on these changeover days.

On all cruise itineraries, you visit a range of islands, allowing you to see land and marine animals and birdlife. The Island Stay itinerary includes visits to several visitor sites in the central islands.

Guides All Galapagos guides are registered with the national park. All Llama Travel holidays include experienced English-speaking naturalist guides.

When to go The Galapagos Islands can be visited year round, and wildlife can be seen all year. Some birds are only present at certain periods of the year; if you would like to see a specific bird, please ask us for details. December to May is hotter, but wetter, and the sea temperatures tend to be warmer. July to December is drier, but cooler.

Geography The Galapagos Islands are in the Pacific Ocean 1,000km west of Ecuador. Flights to and from Quito take 3 hours, with a brief stop in Guayaquil.

Entrance fee The Galapagos National Park entrance fee of US\$100 and the transit tax of US\$20 are included in all our holidays. Please also read 'Our prices' section on page 129.

Meals Galapagos cruise itineraries are full board. Galapagos Island Stay itineraries include breakfast and lunch. Hotel extensions in Galapagos are bed & breakfast. Drinking water, tea and coffee are provided, but alcoholic and soft drinks are usually extra.

Night sailing Sailing between the islands is usually done in the early morning or late evening. However, for some longer distances, the journey is made at night. In this case, there may be more movement and the noise of the motor can be heard.

Tipping Tipping the crew and guides on board is usually well deserved, and expected. If you have received good service, these are the tipping guidelines per passenger per day: Galapagos Island Stay approximately \$15 to \$19; Galapagos Solaris, Treasure and Archipel approximately \$20 - \$22.



Spot marine iguanas sunbathing on the rocks

PLAN YOUR GALAPAGOS HOLIDAY



Get up close to playful sea lions on the beach at Gardner Bay

A journey to the remote Galapagos Islands is one of the world's great wildlife experiences. You can observe land and marine creatures at incredibly close quarters. The islands were never connected to the mainland, so

the animals were completely isolated. With no natural predators on the islands, the animals have no fear, letting you to walk right up to them. It is expensive to visit, so it is important to plan your holiday to make the most of it.

CHOOSING YOUR BOAT OR HOTEL

A cruise visiting several islands is the best way to see the diversity of the Galapagos. We offer cruises on three 16-berth motor yachts. Smaller boats are more intimate, so you will get to know your guide and shipmates better although, there may be some engine noise when sailing at night.

If you prefer to be based on land, then staying in a hotel allows you to experience the wildlife of the Galapagos during the day, returning to the comforts of a hotel in the evening. The Finch Bay and Galapagos Suites are our land based options.



SOLARIS YACHT
4 or 6-night cruise

Comfortable 16-berth motor yacht. See pages 38 - 39 for details.



TREASURE OF GALAPAGOS
4 or 6-night cruise

16-berth first-class catamaran. See pages 40 - 41 for details.



ARCHIPEL YACHT
7-night cruise

Comfortable 16-berth motor catamaran. See page 42 for details.



GALAPAGOS SUITES
5-day island stay

6-room hotel in friendly Puerto Ayora. See page 43 for details.



FINCH BAY HOTEL
5-day island stay

27-room hotel with fantastic facilities. See pages 43 for details.

VISITING THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Wildlife The islands and the wildlife are experienced both on land and in the water. Although you can get incredibly close to the wildlife in the Galapagos Islands, you are not allowed to touch.

Land excursions You explore the visitor sites, seeing the wildlife, flora and geology at very close quarters. Most excursions require some walking, often on rocky and uneven surfaces, so a reasonable level of fitness is required. To reach the islands it is necessary to go from your boat in a panga, a small dinghy. On a dry landing, you will step out of the panga onto rock. On a wet landing, you will step out of the panga into about a foot of water, from where you will wade to land.

Snorkelling For many people, the highlight of the visit to the Galapagos is snorkelling among the sea life, including sea lions, turtles, penguins, rays and sharks. Snorkelling equipment is available for rent,

or you can take your own. If you need a mask with prescription lenses, it is best to get this before you leave. Wetsuits are also available for hire. Please ask us if you are interested in hiring a wetsuit. If you do not want to snorkel, it is sometimes possible to remain on the beach on the island. However, at some sites visited on cruises this is not possible, in which case you will stay on board your boat.



Take excursions in pangas from your Galapagos boat to the islands

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE GALAPAGOS



Discover amazing marine wildlife on snorkelling excursions around the Galapagos

On all Galapagos itineraries, you have land and sea excursions in small groups of a maximum of 16 people, and the opportunity to go snorkelling. On the boats, there is usually a morning excursion and an afternoon excursion every day, with lunch on the boat. On some days, you will visit two different islands in a day, and on other days, you will visit different visitor sites on the same island. In the Galapagos Island Stay option, you usually have one excursion per day, returning to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Although each boat has a slightly different routine on board (e.g. some have buffet meals and some have



served meals), all follow a similar pattern.

Breakfast is served from about 7am, before you prepare for your first excursion of the day. As the boats sail at night, you are already close to the island that you will be visiting. At about 8.30am, the passengers on board will gather with the guide and board the pangas for the short trip to the island. You will have either a wet or a dry landing, and then explore the island. The guide will explain the flora, fauna and geology of the island as you walk. As each island is different, each excursion will focus on different aspects of the Galapagos Islands. After you have explored the island, often there is the opportunity to snorkel from the beach. You return to your boat in the late morning, for a shower and change before lunch is served. After lunch, you sail to the next island and have time for a rest, or maybe to look out for dolphins or frigate birds from deck.

At around 3pm, you again take a panga ride for your second excursion of the day. You return to the boat in the late afternoon, where you have time for a drink before dinner as the guide explains the itinerary for the next day. After dinner, you can relax in the lounge or on deck. The boat will usually sail at night to make sure you arrive at the next island early in the morning.

VISITING MAINLAND ECUADOR

To visit the Galapagos Islands, you travel via mainland Ecuador, a great place to visit in its own right. All our Galapagos holidays include time in Ecuador, where you can visit the elegant capital city of Quito, high in the Andes, and explore its beautiful colonial centre, traditional markets, and the surrounding cloud forest. You can also visit the city of Guayaquil in the sultry tropical lowlands. You can extend your holiday to include a fuller exploration into the rich culture of the highlands and the beautiful flora and fauna of the Amazon Rainforest.

The Jungle You can extend your holiday to include a visit to the Amazon Rainforest, staying in a jungle lodge where you can follow jungle trails, see wildlife and explore the rivers and oxbow lakes of the world's largest rainforest. See pages 48 for details.

Cuenca and the Avenue of the Volcanoes Combine your Galapagos holiday with a trip to see volcanoes and visit Cuenca, Ecuador's most beautiful city, where you can buy a Panama hat directly from a factory where they are produced. See page 46 for details.

Grand Tour of Ecuador If you cannot choose just one Ecuador extension, then see it all with the Grand Tour of Ecuador. Combine your holiday to the Galapagos with the jungle and Cuenca & the Avenue of the Volcanoes. See pages 50 - 51 for details.



See Cotopaxi volcano rising above the city of Quito

ECUADOR HOTELS

HOTEL REINA ISABEL, QUITO



Modern hotel in the main tourist area of Quito, with a restaurant, bar, small gym and spacious rooms with en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 65%;"></div> | 65% |
| Service | <div style="width: 72%;"></div> | 72% |
| Location | <div style="width: 60%;"></div> | 60% |

CASONA DE LA RONDA, QUITO



In a colonial house on a pedestrianised street in the historic centre with a restaurant and great views of the old town. 22 comfortable rooms with en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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|----------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 79%;"></div> | 79% |
| Service | <div style="width: 95%;"></div> | 95% |
| Location | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> | 83% |

SWISSOTEL, QUITO



In one of Quito's most prestigious areas, with 5 restaurants, a spa, indoor and outdoor heated pools and well appointed large rooms with en-suite bathrooms.

HOTEL UNIPARK, GUAYAQUIL



This well-located hotel looks onto the cathedral park and is 3 blocks from the promenade on the river. There is a restaurant and gym and the comfortable rooms have air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
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| Overall | <div style="width: 73%;"></div> | 73% |
| Service | <div style="width: 74%;"></div> | 74% |
| Location | <div style="width: 84%;"></div> | 84% |

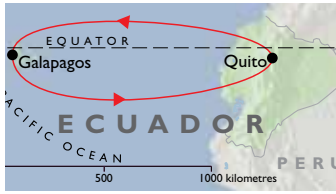
WYNDHAM HOTEL, GUAYAQUIL



A smart hotel overlooking the Guayas River, the Wyndham boasts a full spa, a pool and two restaurants. All rooms are en-suite with air conditioning.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 92%;"></div> | 92% |
| Service | <div style="width: 88%;"></div> | 88% |
| Location | <div style="width: 92%;"></div> | 92% |



GALAPAGOS SOLARIS



The Solaris motor yacht carries 16 passengers in 11 cabins on the upper and main decks. Social areas include an indoor dining area, an open plan passenger lounge and bar, and sun deck. The comfortable en-suite cabins have lower berths, a desk, air conditioning and sea view windows. There are 6 double cabins with a double bed and a single bed / sofa bed, and 5 single cabins, with a small single supplement. There is an 8-man crew and an experienced naturalist guide.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|--------------|--|-----|
| Boat Overall | <div style="width: 96%;"><div style="width: 96%;"></div></div> | 96% |
| Guide | <div style="width: 91%;"><div style="width: 91%;"></div></div> | 91% |
| Service | <div style="width: 96%;"><div style="width: 96%;"></div></div> | 96% |



Lounge area



Alfresco dining area



Sundeck



Upper deck cabin

GALAPAGOS SOLARIS

PLUS

A TASTE OF ECUADOR

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS QUITO GUAYAQUIL

11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS FROM £5249



Meet the only penguins north of the equator

The 16-berth Galapagos Solaris motor yacht offers very spacious accommodation making for a comfortable Galapagos adventure, visiting a range of islands, taking in the vast diversity of habitats and wildlife. This holiday also includes several days

in Quito, Ecuador's capital, from where you can visit traditional markets or explore the cloud forest.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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|---------|--|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 98%;"><div style="width: 98%;"></div></div> | 98% |
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SEVEN-DAY CRUISE

Day 1 (Fri) Fly from the UK to Quito. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (4 nights)

Day 2 - 4 (Sat - Mon) Three days in Quito. Take the optional Colonial Quito excursion and discover the charms of the old city; join the optional Otavalo excursion to explore the famous indigenous market; take an optional one- or two- day excursion to Bellavista Cloud forest or a two-day excursion to Mashpi Lodge cloud forest for more luxury; or take the two-day Quilotoa Volcano Hike for more adventure.

Day 5 (Tue) Quito - Galapagos Fly to the Galapagos from Quito, and board the Solaris motor yacht. In the afternoon, visit Bachas Beach.

Day 6 (Wed) Isabela Start the day with a visit to Tintorerías, a small group of islands off Isabela. Galapagos penguins and sea lions frequent the shores and white-tipped reef sharks are common in the area. After lunch explore the mangrove wetlands near Puerto Villamil, known for its migrant bird populations. End the day at the giant tortoise breeding centre in Puerto Villamil.

Day 7 (Thu) Isabela Explore Punta Moreno, a desolate and pristine landscape of black lava flows, where you can snorkel and spot birdlife. There is also a flamingo lagoon. In the afternoon, take a zodiac boat to the cliffs at Tagus Cove to admire the sea birds, before walking up to the viewpoint overlooking Darwin lake and several volcanoes.

Day 8 (Fri) Isabela & Fernandina Visit Espinoza Point on Fernandina Island, where marine iguanas slouch on volcanic rocks. After lunch, return to Isabela and take a zodiac boat to Punta Vicente Roca to see the impressive geological

formations formed by lava flows. The cliffs are home to a variety of nesting birds including Blue-Footed Boobies, and turtles swim in the calmer waters.

Day 9 (Sat) Santiago Start the day at Espumilla beach, a popular nesting site for marine turtles. There is also a large population of Sally Lightfoot crabs, which attract hunting herons. After lunch, continue to Puerto Egas, a black shoreline with lots of inlets that attract a large variety of wildlife.

Day 10 (Sun) Rabida and Chinese Hat Explore Rabida, a unique island with red rocks and sand. This is an excellent place to snorkel. Follow a trail to a coastal flamingo lagoon. After lunch, navigate to Chinese Hat Island, home to an abundance of wildlife.

Day 11 (Mon) Santa Cruz - Guayaquil In the morning, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and learn about the captive breeding program where Tortoises and Iguanas are bred. Then transfer to the airport for your flight to Guayaquil (1 night).

Day 12 (Tue) Guayaquil Depending on your flight time, you can spend the morning walking along the riverfront promenade or visiting the markets. Then head to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK.

Day 13 (Wed) Arrival in the UK.

If you are interested in extending your holiday in the Galapagos with a hotel stay, please see page 43.





See giant tortoises in their natural habitat in the Santa Cruz highlands

FIVE-DAY CRUISE

Days 1 - 4 (Mon - Thu) Follow itinerary on page 38.

Day 5 (Fri) Quito - Galapagos Fly to the Galapagos from Quito, and board the Solaris motor yacht. In the afternoon set out for the Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve, to see giant tortoises. Then set off on a walking trail where you can spot some of the Islands' impressive bird life.

Day 6 (Sat) Española Visit Gardner Bay, a white-sand beach populated with sea lions, and excellent for swimming and snorkelling. After lunch, continue to Punta Suarez to walk among blue-footed and Nazca boobies. This area is particularly rich in birdlife.

Day 7 (Sun) Floreana Start the day with a visit to Punta Cormorant, a fantastic green-sand flamingo lagoon. Then head to Champion Islet for some snorkelling. In the afternoon, visit Post Office Bay, home to brown pelicans, yellow warblers and warbler finches, before climbing to Baroness Lookout.

Day 8 (Mon) Santiago & Bartolomé Visit Sullivan Bay and spot lava lizards perching on the strange lava formations. After lunch, climb to the summit of Bartolomé and enjoy the views before visiting a rookery of Galapagos penguins. You can walk to the other side of the island and see sea turtles nesting (from January to March) and sharks swimming close to the shore.



Day 9 (Tue) Santa Cruz - Guayaquil Visit Black Turtle Cove on the north side of Santa Cruz Island. In the crystal clear waters you can spot sharks and rays. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Guayaquil.

Day 10 (Wed) Guayaquil Depending on your flight time, you can spend the morning walking along the riverfront promenade or visiting the markets. Then head to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK.

Day 11 (Thu) Arrival in the UK.



Climb to the summit of the volcanic island of Bartolomé, offering great views over the surrounding islands

Cruise start dates for 7-day cruise:

2023: Jan 17, Jan 31, Feb 14, Feb 28, Mar 14, Mar 28, Apr 11, Apr 25, Jun 20, Jul 4, Jul 18, Aug 1, Aug 15, Aug 29, Sep 12, Sep 26, Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 5

2024: Jan 16, Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 27, Mar 12, Mar 26

Cruise start dates for 5-day cruise:

2023: Jan 13, Jan 27, Feb 10, Feb 24, Mar 10, Mar 24, Apr 7, Apr 21, May 5, Jun 26, Jul 14, Jul 28, Aug 11, Aug 25, Sep 8, Sep 22, Oct 6, Oct 20, Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 1, Dec 15

2024: Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 8, Mar 22

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| | Solaris (7 day cruise) (11 nights) | Solaris (5 day cruise) (9 nights) |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| January 2023 | 6499 | 5249 |
| February 2023 | 6599 | 5349 |
| March 2023 | 6649 | 5399 |
| April 2023 | 6699 | 5449 |
| May 2023 | 6749 | 5499 |
| June 2023 | 6749 | 5499 |
| July 2023 | 6899 | 5649 |
| August 2023 | 6899 | 5649 |
| September 2023 | 6699 | 5449 |
| October 2023 | 6699 | 5449 |
| November 2023 | 6599 | 5349 |
| December 2023 | 6499 | 5249 |
| January 2024 | 6799 | 5449 |
| February 2024 | 6899 | 5549 |
| March 2024 | 6949 | 5599 |
| Single supplement | 400 | 400 |

Departures 7-day cruise: Fridays from 13 Jan to 1 Dec 2023 and from 12 Jan 2024. 5-day cruise: Mondays from 9 Jan to 11 Dec 2023 and from 8 Jan 2024. Prices are from Heathrow; for regional departures see p128.

Galapagos Entrance Fee: The National Park entrance fee of US\$100 and transit tax of US\$20 are included in our prices. Please also read 'Our Prices' section on page 129.

| Hotel/boat included in prices above | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Quito | Reina Isabel |
| Galapagos | Solaris |
| Guayaquil | Unipark |

All meals on your Galapagos cruise are included. Accommodation in Quito and Guayaquil is bed and breakfast.

| Superior hotels | | Supplement |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------|
| Quito | Swissotel | £100 (€200 single) |
| Quito | Cas. Ronda | £200 (€400 single) |
| Guayaquil | Wyndham | £45 (€90 single) |

| Optional Excursions in Ecuador | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| See pages 44- 45 for details | |
| Colonial Quito | £95 |
| Otavalo | £160 |
| Bellavista Cloud Forest (1 day) | £140* |
| * Add £20 for single traveller | |

Special Offer: Colonial Quito, Otavalo and Bellavista for just £359

| Multi-day Excursions | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bellavista Cloud Forest (2 days) | £260 (€300 single) |
| Quilotoa Volcano Hike (2 days) | £329 (€549 single) |
| Mashpi Lodge (2 days) | £699 (€1199 single) |
| Mashpi Lodge (3 days) | £1199 (€2099 single) |

Important read pages 36, 129-30 before booking

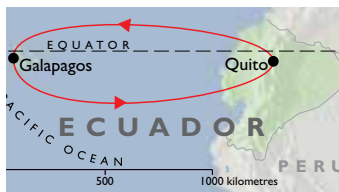
GALAPAGOS TREASURE

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A TASTE OF ECUADOR

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS QUITO GUAYAQUIL

11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS FROM £5249



GALAPAGOS TREASURE



The Treasure accommodates up to 16 passengers in 9 en-suite cabins with private balconies. There is an open plan lounge and dining area, and alfresco dining area on the upper deck. The sun deck has a jacuzzi, bar and deck chairs. There is a crew of 11, including the captain, cruise director and a bilingual naturalist guide.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Boat Overall  99%
 Guide  99%
 Service  99%



Galapagos Brown Pelicans Diving

The Treasure of Galapagos is a 16-berth catamaran offering an excellent balance between an intimate cruise experience and spacious accommodation. You can choose between our 5-day and 7-day cruise packages.

The 7-day cruise visits a range of islands, including Isabela, Fernandina and Santiago, exposing visitors to a wide range of Galapagos inhabitants, from bird life to marine iguanas.

The 5-day cruise offers a different set of destinations, visiting the islands of Santa Fe, Española, and Floreana among others.

Both itineraries offer you the chance to see an incredible range of wildlife, including giant Galapagos tortoises, sea lions, flamingos, land iguanas and an incredibly diversity of birdlife.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall  99%

SEVEN-DAY CRUISE

Day 1 (Tue) Fly from the UK to Quito. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (4 nights)

Day 2 - 4 (Wed - Fri) Three days in Quito. Take the optional Colonial Quito excursion and discover the charms of the old city; join the optional Otavalo excursion to explore the famous indigenous market; take an optional one- or two- day excursion to Bellavista Cloud forest or a two-day excursion to Mashpi Lodge cloud forest for more luxury; or take the two-day Quilotoa Volcano Hike for more adventure.

Day 5 (Sat) Galapagos, Santa Cruz Morning flight from Quito to the Galapagos. Transfer to the Treasure of Galapagos. Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station to see giant tortoises and learn about the protection and conservation of the islands (6 nights).

Day 6 (Sun) Santa Cruz Morning visit to Ballena Bay with volcanically formed crystals and Galapagos hawks. Then visit Cerro Dragon to see land iguanas and flamingos. You can also snorkel here.

Day 7 (Mon) Isabela Visit Tintorerías, with sea lions, marine iguanas, sea turtles and white-tipped reef sharks. Snorkelling is possible. Visit Humedales, a network of coastal mangroves and brackish lagoons. Humedales is a nesting site for green turtles and a feeding ground for penguins. It is also a habitat for crabs, oyster-catchers and flamingos.

Day 8 (Tue) Isabela Walk the black lava trail to snorkel at Punta Moreno. Spend the afternoon at Tagus Cove and climb for view of Darwin's Lake.

Day 9 (Wed) Isabela, Fernandina Snorkel at Punta Roca, home to penguins, sharks, pufferfish and sea horses, then visit to Punta Espinosa to see iguanas and flightless cormorants.

Day 10 (Thu) Santiago, Rabida Make a wet landing at Puerto Egas, a volcanic black sand beach with lava lizards, herons, hawks, rock pools and fauna-rich underwater rock formations. In the afternoon, continue to Rabida, where the salt water lagoon attracts flamingos, pelicans and boobies. It is also possible to go snorkelling here.

Day 11 (Fri) Santa Cruz - Guayaquil See sea turtles and numerous coastal birds on Bachas Beach, then transfer to the airport for a flight to Guayaquil.

Day 12 (Sat) Guayaquil Depending on your flight time, you can spend the morning walking along the riverfront promenade or visiting the markets. Then head to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK.

Day 13 (Sun) Arrival in the UK.

If you are interested in extending your holiday in the Galapagos with a hotel stay, please see page 43.



Double cabin



Private balcony



Lounge area



Shaded deck



Dining area



Observe how male frigate birds inflate a red flap to attract females

FIVE-DAY CRUISE

Days 1 - 4 (Fri - Mon) Follow itinerary on page 40.

Day 5 (Tue) Galapagos, Santa Cruz Morning flight from Quito to the Galapagos. Transfer to the Treasure of Galapagos. Enjoy lunch aboard before exploring Cerro Colorado, a breeding site for Galapagos tortoises.

Day 6 (Wed) Española In the morning, visit Gardener Bay for a swim or snorkel, and observe the sea lions on the beach. After lunch, walk among Nazca and blue-footed boobies in Punta Suarez. This area is particularly renowned for its birdlife.

Day 7 (Thu) Floreana Head out to Post Office Bay in the morning to see brown pelicans, yellow warblers and warbler finches. Climb to Baroness Lookout for a view of the coastline. After lunch, continue to Punta Cormorant to see flamingos and turtles.

Day 8 (Fri) Santa Fe In the morning, see land iguanas

in the cactus forest of Santa Fe. Then visit the El Chato reserve on Santa Cruz where you will find Galapagos tortoises walking freely.



Day 9 (Sat) Santa Cruz - Guayaquil Visit the Gemelos Craters, formed by magma domes. The craters are surrounded by lush cloud forest, full of species endemic to the Galapagos. Here you can also spot carpenter finches and vermilion flycatchers. After the excursion, transfer to the airport for your flight to Guayaquil.

Day 10 (Sun) Guayaquil Depending on your flight time, spend the morning strolling across the riverfront promenade or doing some last-minute souvenir shopping in the artisan markets. Then transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK.

Day 11 (Fri) Santa Cruz Arrival in the UK.



Snorkel and be surrounded by majestic sea turtles

Cruise start dates for 7-day cruise:

2023: Jan 14, Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 25, Mar 11, Mar 25, Apr 8, Apr 22, May 6, May 20, Jun 3, Jun 17, Jul 1, Jul 15, Jul 29, Aug 12, Aug 26, Sep 9, Sep 23, Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 7, Nov 18, Dec 2

2024: Jan 13, Jan 27, Feb 10, Feb 24, Mar 9, Mar 23

Cruise start dates for 5-day cruise:

2023: Jan 10, Jan 24, Feb 7, Feb 21, Mar 7, Mar 21, Apr 4, Apr 18, May 2, May 16, May 30, Jun 13, Jun 27, Jul 11, Jul 25, Aug 8, Aug 22, Sep 5, Sep 19, Oct 3, Oct 17, Nov 3, Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 12

2024: Jan 9, Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 5, Mar 19

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| | Treasure (7 day cruise) (11 nights) | Treasure (5 day cruise) (9 nights) |
|-------------------|--|---|
| January 2023 | 6499 | 5249 |
| February 2023 | 6599 | 5349 |
| March 2023 | 6649 | 5399 |
| April 2023 | 6699 | 5449 |
| May 2023 | 6749 | 5499 |
| June 2023 | 6749 | 5499 |
| July 2023 | 6899 | 5649 |
| August 2023 | 6899 | 5649 |
| September 2023 | 6699 | 5449 |
| October 2023 | 6699 | 5449 |
| November 2023 | 6599 | 5349 |
| December 2023 | 6499 | 5249 |
| January 2024 | 6799 | 5449 |
| February 2024 | 6899 | 5549 |
| March 2024 | 6949 | 5599 |
| Single supplement | 1400 | 1100 |

Departures 7 Day Cruise: Tuesdays from 10 Jan to 28 Nov 2023 and from 9 Jan 2024. 5 Day Cruise: Fridays from 6 Jan to 8 Dec 2023 and from 5 Jan 2024. Prices are from Heathrow; for regional departures see p128.

Galapagos Entrance Fee: The National Park entrance fee of US\$100 and transit tax of US\$20 are included in our prices. Please also read 'Our Prices' section on page 129.

Hotel/boat included in prices above

Quito Reina Isabel
Galapagos Archipel / Treasure of Galapagos
Guayaquil Unipark

All meals on your Galapagos cruise are included. Accommodation in Quito and Guayaquil is bed and breakfast.

| Superior hotels | Supplement |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Quito Swissotel | £100 (£200 single) |
| Quito Cas. Ronda | £200 (£400 single) |
| Guayaquil Wyndham | £45 (£90 single) |

Optional Excursions in Ecuador

See pages 44- 45 for details

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Colonial Quito | £95 |
| Otavalo | £160 |
| Bellavista Cloud Forest (1 day) | £140* |

* Add £20 for single traveller

Special Offer: Colonial Quito, Otavalo and Bellavista for just **£359**

Multi-day Excursions

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bellavista Cloud Forest (2 days) | £260 (£300 single) |
| Quilotoa Volcano Hike (2 days) | £329 (£549 single) |
| Mashpi Lodge (2 days) | £699 (£1199 single) |
| Mashpi Lodge (3 days) | £1199 (£2099 single) |

Important read pages 36, 129-30 before booking

GALAPAGOS ARCHIPEL

PLUS

A TASTE OF ECUADOR

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS QUITO GUAYAQUIL

14 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS FROM £5999



GALAPAGOS ARCHIPEL



The Galapagos Archipel I is a comfortable catamaran carrying 16 passengers. There is an open-plan salon, bar and dining area and a large covered and open sun deck with an al fresco dining area and sun bathing section. The 8 cabins on the main deck have lower berths, air conditioning and sea-view windows. Each cabin has an en-suite bathroom with a hot shower. There is a 8-man crew and experienced naturalist guide. The Archipel II is used on some occasions.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

| | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Boat Overall | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> | 78% |
| Guide | <div style="width: 92%;"></div> | 83% |
| Service | <div style="width: 78%;"></div> | 92% |



Outside dining area



Double cabin



Lounge & bar area



Spot land iguanas, measuring up to one metre in length and living up to 60 years

The 16-berth Galapagos Archipel catamaran is spacious, with stable double hulls, wide decks and ample communal areas to complement a comfortable stay and allow you to enjoy the nature that surrounds you. The two 7-night cruises include a range of Galapagos islands and wildlife. This

holiday also includes time on mainland Ecuador, where you can explore Quito's colonial centre, visit Otavalo Market and spot diverse flora and fauna in the cloud forest.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 83%

ITINERARY

CRUISE ITINERARY A

Day 1 (Thu) Quito Fly from UK to Quito. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (4 nights).

Day 2 (Fri) - Day 4 (Sun) Quito Take the optional Colonial Quito excursion; join the optional Otavalo excursion to explore the indigenous market; take an optional one- or two-day excursion to the Bellavista Cloud Forest or a two-day excursion to Mashpi Lodge cloud forest; or take the Quilotoa Volcano Hike excursion. See pages 44 - 45.

Day 5 (Mon) Galapagos, San Cristóbal Morning flight to the Galapagos. Visit the Interpretation Centre and enjoy the views from Frigate Bird Hill (7 nights).

Day 6 (Tue) Santa Fe, Plaza Sur See frigate birds, tropic birds and sea lions basking. Spot land iguanas in the cactus forest and go snorkelling with friendly sea lions.

Day 7 (Wed) North Seymour, Chinese Hat See blue-footed boobies, frigate birds and marine iguanas at North Seymour, then visit Chinese Hat, home to sea lions and Galapagos penguins.

Day 8 (Thu) Santa Cruz Visit the highlands to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat, then learn about the park's conservation at Charles Darwin Research Station.

Day 9 (Fri) Isabela Follow a lava flow around Moreno Point then snorkel or kayak. Then visit Urbina Bay to spot sea turtles, marine and land iguanas and giant tortoises.

Day 10 (Sat) Fernandina Snorkel at Punta Espinoza, with flightless cormorants, then take a Panga Ride at Punta Vicente Roca on Isabela island.

Day 11 (Sun) Santiago, Rabida Visit Puerto Egas, a black beach on Santiago, then snorkel at Rabida and walk to a coastal lagoon home to a colony of flamingos.

Day 12 (Mon) Santa Cruz Take a panga ride in the mangroves of Black Turtle Cove, then fly to Guayaquil (1 night).

Day 13 (Tue) Final day in Guayaquil. Overnight flight to UK.

Day 14 (Wed) Arrival in the UK.

CRUISE ITINERARY B

Day 1 (Thu) Quito Fly from UK to Quito. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (4 nights).

Day 2 (Fri) - Day 4 (Sun) Quito Take the optional Colonial Quito excursion; join the optional Otavalo excursion to explore the indigenous market; take an optional one- or two-day excursion to the Bellavista Cloud Forest or a two-day excursion to Mashpi Lodge cloud forest; or take the Quilotoa Volcano Hike excursion. See pages 44 - 45.

Day 5 (Mon) Galapagos Morning flight to the Galapagos. Snorkel from Bachas Beach, a favourite nesting site of turtles (7 nights).

Day 6 (Tue) Genovesa Visit Prince Philip's Steps which lead to a seabird colony, then snorkel from Darwin Bay, with boobies, frigate birds, storm petrels and marine iguanas.

Day 7 (Wed) Santiago, Bartolomé Climb to the summit of Bartolomé then see Galapagos penguins. Visit Sullivan Bay where there are lava lizards, lava formations and go snorkelling.

Day 8 (Thu) Santa Cruz Head to the highlands to see giant tortoises in their natural habitat, then visit the Charles Darwin Station. A series of walkways takes you through the captive breeding program.

Day 9 (Fri) Floreana Visit a flamingo lagoon, then spot rays at the green beach at Cormorant Point. After lunch, visit Post Office Bay and climb to Baroness Lookout.

Day 10 (Sat) Española Snorkel with sea lions at Gardner Bay then see boobies, hawks, finches, swallow-tailed gulls and Española mockingbirds at Punta Suarez.

Day 11 (Sun) San Cristobal Climb a narrow path at Punta Pitt to admire panoramic views. After lunch visit Cerro Brujo, for snorkelling.

Day 12 (Mon) Isla Lobos Visit a small rocky island with endemic lava lizards. Snorkel with baby sea lion pups and see frigate birds, then fly to Guayaquil (1 night).

Day 13 (Tue) Final day in Guayaquil. Overnight flight to UK.

Day 14 (Wed) Arrival in the UK.

GALAPAGOS ISLAND STAY

PLUS A TASTE OF ECUADOR

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS QUITO

11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS FROM £3949



Find abundant playful sea lions on the beaches and in the water

This fantastic value holiday allows you to explore the Galapagos while staying in a comfortable hotel in Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz island, taking small-group excursions with an experienced naturalist guide. You explore the highlights of Santa Cruz island and have two day boat excursions to nearby islands, so you can

see a wide variety of wildlife and landscapes. You also have four nights in Quito, allowing you to explore the attractions in and around this beautiful Andean city.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 93%

ITINERARY

This itinerary includes four day-excursions in the Galapagos, including two day boat excursions to nearby islands. The islands visited will be taken with non-Llama Travel passengers and may vary from those listed in the itinerary below (Bartolomé and North Seymour) and will be confirmed at the time of booking, although may change subsequently subject to the operations of the day yachts.

Day 1 (Fri) Quito Fly from UK to Quito. You are met at the airport and escorted to your hotel (4 nights).

Days 2 - 4 (Sat - Mon) Quito Three days in Quito. Take the optional Colonial Quito excursion and discover the charms of the old city; join the optional Otavalo excursion to explore the famous indigenous market; take an optional one- or two-day excursion to the Bellavista Cloud Forest or a two-day excursion to Mashpi Lodge cloud forest for more luxury; or take the two-day Quilotoa Volcano Hike for more adventure.

Day 5 (Tue) Galapagos, Santa Cruz Morning flight from Quito to Baltra in the Galapagos, then visit a Giant Tortoise ranch in the highlands of Santa Cruz to see the iconic creatures in their natural habitat. Continue to your hotel in the welcoming town of Puerto Ayora (4 nights).

Day 6 (Wed) Bartolomé Cross the island by road to the

north coast to embark on a full day boat excursion. Visit Sullivan Bay, to see lava lizards on the strange lava formations. Snorkelling is possible here. After lunch on board, enjoy great views from the summit of Bartolomé before seeing Galapagos penguins from the beach. Return to your hotel in the afternoon.

Day 7 (Thu) Santa Cruz Walk through deciduous forest to reach Tortuga Bay, a beautiful white-sand beach with marine iguanas, sharks, rays and birdlife. Return to town for lunch and an afternoon visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station, where you see the work done in the conservation of the flora and fauna of the islands.

Day 8 (Fri) North Seymour Cross the island and embark on a full day boat excursion to North Seymour, home to a large colony of magnificent frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, noddy terns and land and marine iguanas, who can regularly be found lazing in the sun. After lunch on board, visit Bachas Beach, where you can swim, before returning to your hotel.

Day 9 (Sat) Transfer to Baltra airport for your flight to Guayaquil (1 night).

Day 10 (Sun) Final day in Guayaquil. Overnight flight to UK.

Day 11 (Mon) Arrival in the UK.

GALAPAGOS HOTEL

GALAPAGOS SUITES

A simple hotel in Puerto Ayora two blocks from the waterfront and within walking distance of the Charles Darwin Research Station. The six rooms are airy and comfortable with hammocks and en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 94%
Service 99%
Location 92%

FINCH BAY HOTEL

This hotel is located just outside Puerto Ayora, next to the beach. There is a pool, jacuzzi, bar and restaurant. The comfortable rooms have air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 92%
Service 83%
Location 92%



Galapagos Suites

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Month of departure | Archipel + A Taste of Ecuador (12 nights) | Island Stay + A Taste of Ecuador (9 nights) |
|--------------------|---|---|
| January 2023 | 5999 | 3949 |
| February 2023 | 6099 | 4049 |
| March 2023 | 6149 | 4099 |
| April 2023 | 6199 | 4149 |
| May 2023 | 6249 | 4199 |
| June 2023 | 6249 | 4199 |
| July 2023 | 6399 | 4349 |
| August 2023 | 6399 | 4349 |
| September 2023 | 6199 | 4149 |
| October 2023 | 6199 | 4149 |
| November 2023 | 6099 | 4049 |
| December 2023 | 5999 | 3949 |
| January 2024 | 6199 | 4099 |
| February 2024 | 6299 | 4199 |
| March 2024 | 6249 | 4249 |
| Single supplement | 3350 | 600 |

Departures Archipel: Thursdays from 5 Jan to 7 Dec 2023 and from 4 Jan 2024. Island Stay: Fridays from 6 Jan - 8 Dec 2023 and from 5 Jan 2024. Prices are from Heathrow; for regional departures see p128.

Galapagos Entrance Fee: The National Park entrance fee of US\$100 and transit tax of US\$20 are included in our prices. Please also read 'Our Prices' section on page 129.

Hotel/boat included in prices above

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Quito | Reina Isabel |
| Galapagos | Archipel |
| Galapagos hotel | Galapagos Suites |
| Guayaquil | Unipark |

All meals on Archipel cruise are included. Breakfast and lunch on Island Stay holidays. Quito and Guayaquil are bed and breakfast.

| Superior hotels | Supplement |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Quito Swissotel | £100 (£200 single) |
| Quito Cas. Ronda | £200 (£400 single) |
| Galapagos Finch Bay | £820 (£1580 single) |
| Guayaquil Wyndham | £45 (£90 single) |

Optional Excursions in Ecuador

See pages 44- 45 for details

Important read pages 36, 129-30 before booking

EXTENDING YOUR GALAPAGOS STAY

After your cruise or Galapagos tour, spend a few extra days in Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz island. Take a few more land or boat excursions. Or you may just want to relax in a beautiful location and absorb all of your Galapagos experiences.

Hotel Extension to Galapagos Cruises

| Galapagos Suites | 3 nights | each extra night | single supplement per night |
|------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Standard room | £379 | £95 | £75 |

| Finch Bay | Standard room | £999 | £300 | £270 |
|------------------|---------------|------|------|------|
| Ocean View suite | £1449 | £450 | £370 | |

A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate this extension.



Finch Bay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS IN ECUADOR



QUITO, A CITY OF CONQUESTS

Quito is an elegant city set in a valley high in the Andes. Surrounded by volcanoes and spectacular mountain scenery, at 2,800 metres it is the second highest capital city in the world.

Conquered by the Incas in the 15th century, Quito became the capital of the northern half of the Inca Empire. In 1533, the Inca General Rumiñahui destroyed the city so it would not fall into the hands of the advancing Spanish conquistadors. However, just a year later, the Spanish were already rebuilding the city, naming it San Francisco de Quito and establishing the Catholic religion.

The Spanish ruled for nearly 300 years. In 1809 the first attempt at independence was made, but Spanish forces came from Peru, killing the leaders of the uprising and about 200 Quiteños. Only in 1830, after Simon Bolivar helped to defeat the Spanish, was the republic finally proclaimed. It was given the name Ecuador and Quito was made its capital.

Modern Quito is a city of two halves. The old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, remains much as it was at the end of the colonial period, with many historic buildings now restored. The modern sector is a bustling capital city with excellent restaurants and facilities.



Buy textiles from indigenous Otavalo communities



Admire the Panecillo statue in the background as you explore Quito's historical centre

All Llama Travel holidays include several days based in Quito, the capital of Ecuador. A visit to the colonial centre is a must, to explore the beautiful colonial churches and squares. Quito's setting, surrounded by high volcanoes and beautiful countryside, is particularly special.

As well as visiting Quito, you will have time to see some of the spectacular scenery and sample the culture of the people who live in the high Andes around Quito. A visit to Otavalo passes through beautiful valleys, offering wonderful lake and mountain views. You can then explore the famous crafts market in the town of Otavalo.

COLONIAL QUITO

This half-day guided excursion takes you to the colonial heart of Quito, starting with a visit to the hill of Panecillo, from where there are wonderful views of Quito and the surrounding volcanoes. Continue to the main square, visit the church of La Compañía, with its spectacular gold leaf interior, and Plaza San Francisco. Then walk down the charming colonial La Ronda street and visit workshops of local artisans.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 76%

OTAVALO

This full-day excursion leaves Quito in the morning, passing through typical highland towns. Enjoy wonderful views of the Cayambe volcano before you arrive at a bird sanctuary with condors and different species of birds of prey. Enjoy lunch in the town of Peguche then visit a local community project to learn about indigenous Otavaleño culture. Later visit a local workshop where traditional Andean instruments are made, then explore the small market town of Otavalo where you have time to shop in the famous crafts market. You return to Quito in the late afternoon.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 76%



Spot hummingbirds in Ecuador's vast cloud forest

You can visit the Bellavista cloud forest, less than two hours away. Here, you can explore the forest on trails and spot some of the varied birdlife. For a more luxurious cloud forest option, Mashpi Lodge provides modern accommodation set in the forest. You can walk the trails, have a go on the sky bike or sky tram and listen to interesting lectures about the local biodiversity.

The two-day Quilotoa hike includes a trek around the stunning Quilotoa crater lake, visits indigenous communities of the Andes and explores the snow-capped Cotopaxi Volcano.

QUILOTOA VOLCANO HIKE (TWO DAY)

Spend two days getting to know Ecuador's volcanoes, lakes and Andean communities. From Quito, visit the snow-capped Cotopaxi Volcano, one of the most prominent peaks in the Andes, standing proudly at a height of 5,897 metres. Have lunch in the Hacienda San Agustin de Callo, set on the site of a historic fortress, with original Inca walls still remaining. Continue to the iconic Quilotoa Crater to settle into your basic hotel and watch the sun set over the lake. The next day, begin your 10km hike around the lake to be rewarded with incredible views of the ever-changing hues hundreds of metres beneath you, against a volcanic backdrop. Pass locals on the trail walking between communities and perhaps hear villagers playing drums in the valleys. En route back to Quito, visit the indigenous community of Tigua and discover their handmade masks and paintings. Due to the altitude, a good level of fitness is required for this excursion.



Visit Cotopaxi National Park on the way to Quilotoa



Hike the Quilotoa loop around the three-kilometre-wide volcanic crater lake in the Ecuadorian Andes

BELLAVISTA CLOUD FOREST

You leave Quito early and are driven through spectacular scenery. After two hours, you arrive at the Bellavista Lodge, high in the cloud forest at 2,200 metres, from where there are amazing views. After breakfast, take a guided walk to explore the forest. You then have the rest of the day free to explore. Enjoy the area around the lodge, where the feeders attract up to 16 varieties of hummingbirds, which can be seen at close range. Or follow the self-guided trails, offering the chance to get to know the ecology and birds of the cloud forest. You leave Bellavista in the afternoon, getting back to Quito in the late afternoon. This excursion includes breakfast and lunch at the lodge. Note: heavy rain is not unusual and the paths around the lodge can be slippery. The last part of the drive to Bellavista is on a bumpy unmade road.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 94%

BELLAVISTA CLOUD FOREST (TWO DAY)

Spend a night at the Bellavista Lodge to explore the cloud forest further. As you have almost two full days, you have more time to explore some of the longer, more adventurous trails, perhaps visiting one of the four beautiful waterfalls. A guided walk is included each day, and you can then follow the self-guided trails. You are in the cloud forest at dusk and dawn, the best times for bird watching.

You return to Quito in the late afternoon of your second day at Bellavista. All meals are included at the lodge. You check out of your hotel in Quito for this night.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 88%



Spot diverse birdlife including toucan barbets in Bellavista Cloud Forest

MASHPI LODGE CLOUD FOREST (TWO DAY)

Mashpi is a great choice for a luxurious exploration of the cloud forest. Leave Quito in the morning, travelling three hours to the reserve and lodge, where the lush tropical cloud forest is home to a variety of birds, animals and plants.

At Mashpi you can get to know the forest from all levels: climb the observation tower and see what life forms you can observe from above, try the sky bike by pedalling along a suspended cable, walk through the reserve's paths with a guide, noting the fascinating creatures and plants which inhabit the forest's lower reaches or ride the Dragonfly gondola through the canopy (supplement payable locally). After exploring, return to the luxurious lodge to enjoy the Ecuadorian-influenced cuisine, before retiring to bed and waking to amazing views of the forest.

On your second day, you have an early start from the lodge to observe the different species of birds that flock close to the hotel in the early morning light. Enjoy a walk down the road looking out for the fascinating mixed-species feeding flocks, sometimes in a single flock you can see over 20 different species. After breakfast, perhaps take a hike to the 50-metre-high Copal waterfall on a beautiful trail surrounded by moss-covered trees, bromeliads and orchids. The walk takes 2 hours, after which you return to the lodge. You depart the lodge at approximately 11.30am and return to Quito, arriving mid-afternoon. Lunch on the way is provided.

You check out of your hotel in Quito for this night. All meals and some activities are included.

A three-day excursion to Mashpi gives a full extra day to explore the cloud forest and enjoy the luxury of the lodge. Please ask for details.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 99%



Stay in an exceptional setting in the cloud forest in the Mashpi Lodge

LODGE IN BELLAVISTA

BELLAVISTA CLOUD FOREST LODGE



This lodge is beautifully located with wonderful views. Accommodation is either in the dome, or in one of the adjacent buildings. Rooms are basic, but have electricity and hot showers.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 88%
 Guide 88%
 Location 92%

HOTEL IN MASHPI

MASHPI LODGE



Mashpi has a modern design which gives you a sense of being part of the tropical cloud forest. Rooms are en-suite with fantastic views and there is a spa and fine-dining restaurant on site. As seen on BBC2's Amazing Hotels.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 99%
 Guide 99%
 Location 99%

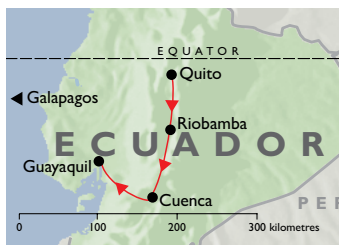
| Optional Excursions in Ecuador | |
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| Colonial Quito | £95 |
| Otavalo | £160 |
| Bellavista Cloud Forest (1 day) | £140* |
| * Add £20 for single traveller | |
| Special Offer: Colonial Quito, Otavalo and Bellavista for just £299 | |
| Multi-day Excursions | |
| Bellavista Cloud Forest (2 days) | £260 (£300 single) |
| Quilotoa Volcano Hike (2 days) | £329 (£549 single) |
| Mashpi Lodge (2 days) | £699 (£1199 single) |
| Mashpi Lodge (3 days) | £1199 (£2099 single) |



Ride on the sky bike at Mashpi Lodge

CUENCA & AVENUE OF THE VOLCANOES

3 NIGHTS FROM £849



HOTEL IN RIOBAMBA

HOSTERIA ABRASPUNGO



A spacious hotel built in the style of a colonial hacienda, just outside of Riobamba. Rooms are large with good facilities and en-suite bathrooms. There is a restaurant and bar.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 81%
 Service 81%
 Location 81%

HOTELS IN CUENCA

HOTEL VICTORIA



In the centre of Cuenca with a restaurant and an attractive garden overlooking the river. Rooms are comfortable with en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 67%
 Service 76%
 Location 90%

SANTA LUCIA



A beautiful historic mansion, this hotel boasts a central courtyard, restaurant, and elegant en-suite rooms. The building is full of character and charm and is only two blocks away from Cuenca's main square.

PRICE IN £ PER PERSON

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| Cuenca & Avenue of the Volcanoes | | |
| <i>(3 nights)</i> | | |
| £849 (£939 single) | | |
| For some holidays, additional nights in Quito or Galapagos are required | | |
| Hotels included in prices above | | |
| Riobamba | Hostería Abraspungo | |
| Cuenca | Hotel Victoria | |
| Hotels are bed & breakfast. | | |
| Boutique hotel | <i>Supplement</i> | |
| Cuenca | Santa Lucia | £50 (£100 single) |



Take a tour of Cuenca, Ecuador's prettiest city

The Cuenca & the Avenue of the Volcanoes extension combines the natural splendour and colonial charm of the heart of the Ecuadorian Andes. Travel down the majestic Avenue of the Volcanoes, passing the snow-capped Cotopaxi volcano and visiting the refuge on the Chimborazo volcano, Ecuador's highest mountain. Meet the indigenous Cajabamba community, then spend two nights in Cuenca, Ecuador's most beautiful city, where you can explore the lovely

colonial centre and buy a Panama hat directly from a factory where they are produced. Finally, take the scenic route from Cuenca to Guayaquil through the Cajas National Park, one of Ecuador's most impressive páramo wetlands, and stop for lunch at a cacao plantation to see how the pods are grown and learn how chocolate is made.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 72%

ITINERARY

Day 1 Quito - Riobamba Visit Latacunga market, passing Cotopaxi, then carry on to the refuge in Chimborazo National Park, at 4,800m on the highest mountain in Ecuador. Take an optional walk up to the second refuge at 5,000m. After lunch, continue to Riobamba (1 night).

Day 2 Riobamba - Cuenca Depart in the early morning, heading south, passing through the beautiful countryside of patchwork cultivated fields dotted with traditional villages. Stop to visit Cajabamba, where the local community will accompany you to the quinoa plantations, learning about this vital Andean staple. Lunch is included at a restaurant. From here, continue on the beautiful road to Cuenca, visiting the Inca site of Ingapirca, the largest known Inca ruins in Ecuador which were once used by the Cañari people as an observatory (2 nights).

Day 3 Cuenca A short morning tour of Cuenca, visiting the

beautiful cathedral plaza and a Panama hat factory, to dispel the myth that this famous head gear comes from Panama. Afternoon free relaxing in the city, perhaps people watching in the plaza in front of the beautiful cathedral, or popping into some of the small galleries and craft shops.

Day 4 Cuenca - Guayaquil Travel to Guayaquil through the Cajas National Park. A jagged landscape of rocky peaks, grasslands and crystal clear streams, the park is home to over 150 bird species. Take a walk on one of the park's many nature trails, exploring a polylepis forest, one of the oldest tree species in the world. Afterwards continue the drive down to the coastal plain, stopping for lunch at a cocoa plantation and then enjoying a tour of the farm, learning how cacao is processed and tasting the final product. Continue to Guayaquil, arriving late afternoon.



Admire the dramatic Chimborazo Volcano



Visit the Ingapirca Inca ruins en route to Cuenca



Walk through Cajas National Park, a páramo ecosystem home to 19 endemic plant species and an impressive number of bird species



See orchids in Cajas National Park

THE ANDEAN HIGHLANDS

One of the best ways to get to know Ecuador is by exploring the Andean highlands of mainland Ecuador.

Travelling through the interior of the country, one gets a sense of how rural Ecuadorians live. The landscape is rich in patchwork scenery as small subsistence plots creep their way up to the edge of soaring volcanoes. Farmers can be seen tending their land from the early hours of the morning until sunset, often wearing the traditional hats worn by locals throughout the Andes.

These hats are also a feature in the local markets, where rural Ecuadorians gather to sell their produce and shop. Perhaps the most notable element of these local markets is their functionality. They exist as places of business - there are few frills to be seen. What they lack in charm, they make

up for in authenticity, with a vast array of fruits, vegetables and grains for sale. They also provide a good opportunity to sample some local snacks, from chifles (plantain chips) to chicharrón (fried pork belly or rinds).

The highlands of Ecuador will leave you awed time and again by the scenery. Chimborazo is Ecuador's highest peak towering over the surrounding landscape at 6,268m.

The páramo - a unique ecosystem lying above the forest line but below the permanent snow line - is another distinct feature of the highlands. Cajas National Park protects a swathe of páramo and is home to 19 endemic plant species and numerous bird and animal species, many of which are also endemic to the area.



Visit the Homero Ortega hat factory



Meet friendly locals in highland markets



Interact with Ecuadorian communities, who come down from the highlands to sell their wares in the towns



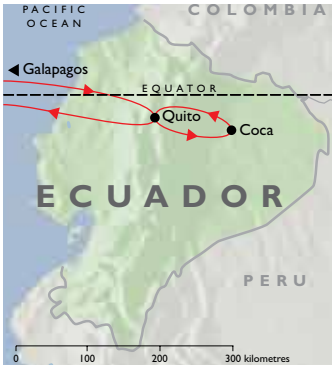
Travel through Cajas National Park



The Avenue of the Volcanoes is home to remarkable views

THE JUNGLE

3 NIGHTS FROM £1549



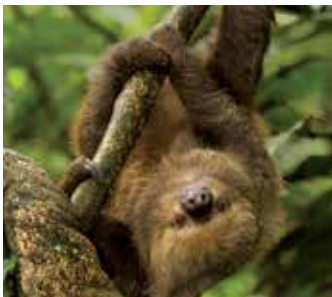
Spot white-throated toucans



Find coatis roaming around the Sacha Reserve



See giant river otters swimming across the lake



Look out for sloths hanging in the trees



Look out for wildlife on the canopy walkway at Sacha Lodge

East of the Andes in Ecuador is the low-lying Amazon Basin. The jungle here offers a wonderful opportunity to explore the rivers and oxbow lakes of the world's largest rainforest. We offer the chance to stay in a jungle lodge for 3 nights, where you can follow trails, visit lakes, see the wildlife, take night walks and get an insight into the jungle way of life.

The Sacha Lodge lies on a black water lake just off the Napo River, a tributary of the Amazon, and is well concealed in its lush, green surroundings. All meals are included at the Sacha Lodge. Jungle excursions may vary due to local conditions.

Customer Rating for Jungle extension
Overall 99%

JUNGLE LODGE ITINERARY

Excursions are confirmed on arrival at Sacha Lodge. A suggested itinerary is as follows.

Day 1 Jungle Morning flight to Coca, then a two-hour motorised canoe ride down the Napo River to the lodge on Lake Pilchicocha, arriving in time for a swim. Visit the butterfly house and the mini-tower to observe birds and watch the sun set. After dinner, take a walk to explore the forest after dark (3 nights).

Day 2 Jungle A morning visit to the 275m long canopy walkway to observe the jungle canopy and the vibrant colourful birdlife from 36m above the ground. Walk through an igapó forest, where native guides explain the medicinal use of many plants. After lunch,

continue through the forest, perhaps seeing the dusky titi monkey.

Day 3 Jungle Take a canoe ride on Lake Lagartococha, home to anacondas, caimans and capybaras. After lunch, fish for piranhas, then take a silent canoe ride through the flooded forest, looking for sloths. Climb the wooden tower built around an ancient kapok tree to get splendid sunset views. Return to the lodge by canoe, taking an amazing ride through the night-time flooded forest, accompanied by the chorus of frogs, bats and nocturnal birds.

Day 4 Quito A canoe ride back to Coca before flying back to Quito (1 night).



Wake up to the sound of howler monkeys



Go creek paddling looking for wildlife of the Amazon Jungle

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Jungle Extension <i>(3 nights)</i> | |
| Sacha Lodge | £1549 (£1929 single) |
| For some holidays, additional nights in Quito or Galapagos are required | |
| All meals are included in the jungle | |



Go for a dip in the protected swimming area at Sacha Lodge



Rooms have private balconies with hammocks



Enjoy delicious meals whilst overlooking the lake

SACHA LODGE

Sacha Lodge is situated in the northern reaches of the Ecuadorian Amazon. It is set on a black water lake, just off the Napo River, in a private 2,000 hectare reserve. The lodge, one of the best in Ecuador, has comfortable rooms with air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms with hot showers. There is a 275-metre-long canopy walkway, boasting views of the treetops from 30 metres above the ground.

Arrival at the lodge is by a 2-hour motorised canoe ride along the jungle canals, stopping for lunch en-route. A further 30-minute walk (where your luggage is carried for you) through the jungle takes you to Lake Pilchicocha, where locals paddle you across to the lodge, arriving mid-afternoon. Guests will be struck by how seamlessly Sacha Lodge blends into the trees, thanks to its design.

Rooms have high, thatched ceilings and large windows with private balconies, allowing guests to feel at one with the surrounding jungle. Furthermore, the jungle inhabitants feel at home with the lodge, and sloths, monkeys and numerous birds can frequently be seen near the rooms and along the walkways linking different parts of the lodge.

All meals are included during your stay at Sacha Lodge.

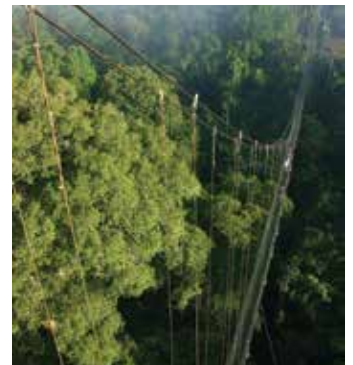
Free time can be spent admiring the view from the balsa (the wooden dining and common area), taking a dip in the protected swimming area in the lake, or lazing in a hammock on your private balcony.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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| Overall | <div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div> | 99% |
| Service | <div style="width: 99%;"><div style="width: 99%;"></div></div> | 99% |
| Location | <div style="width: 96%;"><div style="width: 96%;"></div></div> | 96% |



Go for canoe rides at sunset on the Rio Napo



Admire incredible views of the jungle canopy



Visit the parrot clay lick near the Sacha Reserve



Climb the Kapok Tower for 360° canopy views

GALAPAGOS

PLUS

GRAND TOUR OF ECUADOR

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS QUITO AMAZON JUNGLE RIOBAMBA CUENCA GUAYAQUIL

18 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS FROM £6399

If you would like to visit the Galapagos and take both our extensions in Ecuador, this tour allows you to visit the Galapagos Islands, Quito, the Amazon Jungle, Cuenca & the Avenue of the Volcanoes and Guayaquil all on one holiday. You can take this itinerary with all Galapagos cruises as well as the Island Stay tour.

The itineraries here offer a basic outline of the holidays. Details of each day can be found under the relevant sections earlier in the brochure.

It is also possible to combine a holiday in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands with an extension to Peru and Machu Picchu. See page 52 for details.



Spot sea lions in their natural habitat



Learn about marine iguanas, endemic to the Galapagos Islands and able to live and forage in the sea ©Gray Gordon Photography

GALAPAGOS SOLARIS (7 DAY) + GRAND TOUR OF ECUADOR

20 DAYS / 18 NIGHTS

- Day 1 (Fri) Fly to Quito (3 nts)
- Days 2 - 3 (Sat - Sun) Optional Colonial Quito, Otavalo, Bellavista Cloud Forest, Mashpi Lodge or Quilotoa Volcano Hike excursions
- Day 4 - 6 (Mon - Wed) Fly to the jungle and transfer to your lodge then take jungle excursions (3 nts)
- Day 7 (Thu) Fly to Quito (1 nt)
- Day 8 (Fri) Drive to Riobamba (1 nt)
- Day 9 (Sat) Visit Cajabamba community and Ingapirca ruins, then continue to Cuenca (2 nts)
- Day 10 (Sun) Morning tour of Cuenca. Afternoon free
- Day 11 (Mon) Drive to Guayaquil via Cajas National Park (1 nt)
- Day 12 - 17 (Tue - Sun) Fly to the Galapagos. Join your Galapagos cruise (6 nts)
- Day 18 (Mon) Fly to Guayaquil (1 nt)
- Day 19 (Tue) Fly to the UK
- Day 20 (Wed) Arrive in the UK

GALAPAGOS SOLARIS (5 DAY) + GRAND TOUR OF ECUADOR

18 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS

- Day 1 (Mon) Fly to Quito (2 nts)
- Days 2 (Tue) Optional Colonial Quito excursion
- Day 3 - 5 (Wed - Fri) Fly to the jungle and transfer to your lodge then take jungle excursions (3 nts)
- Day 6 (Sat) Fly to Quito (2 nts)
- Day 7 (Sun) Optional Otavalo, Bellavista Cloud Forest, Mashpi Lodge or Quilotoa Volcano Hike excursions
- Day 8 (Mon) Drive to Riobamba (1 nt)
- Day 9 (Tue) Visit Cajabamba community and Ingapirca ruins, then continue to Cuenca (2 nts)
- Day 10 (Wed) Morning tour of Cuenca. Afternoon free
- Day 11 (Thu) Drive to Guayaquil via Cajas National Park (1 nt)
- Day 12 - 15 (Fri - Mon) Fly to the Galapagos. Join your Galapagos cruise (4 nts)
- Day 16 (Tue) Fly to Guayaquil (1 nt)
- Day 17 (Wed) Fly to the UK
- Day 18 (Thu) Arrive in the UK

GALAPAGOS TREASURE (7 DAY) + GRAND TOUR OF ECUADOR

21 DAYS / 19 NIGHTS

- Day 1 (Mon) Fly to Quito (2 nts)
- Days 2 (Tue) Optional Colonial Quito excursion
- Day 3 - 5 (Wed - Fri) Fly to the jungle and transfer to your lodge then take jungle excursions (3 nts)
- Day 6 (Sat) Fly to Quito (2 nts)
- Day 7 (Sun) Optional Otavalo, Bellavista Cloud Forest, Mashpi Lodge or Quilotoa Volcano Hike excursions
- Day 8 (Mon) Drive to Riobamba (1 nt)
- Day 9 (Tue) Visit Cajabamba community and Ingapirca ruins, then continue to Cuenca (2 nts)
- Day 10 (Wed) Morning tour of Cuenca. Afternoon free
- Day 11 (Thu) Drive to Guayaquil via Cajas National Park (2 nts)
- Day 12 (Fri) Free day in Guayaquil
- Day 13 - 18 (Sat - Thu) Fly to the Galapagos. Join your Galapagos cruise (6 nts)
- Day 19 (Fri) Fly to Guayaquil (1 nt)
- Day 20 (Sat) Fly to the UK
- Day 21 (Sun) Arrive in the UK



GALAPAGOS ARCHIPEL + GRAND TOUR OF ECUADOR

21 DAYS / 19 NIGHTS

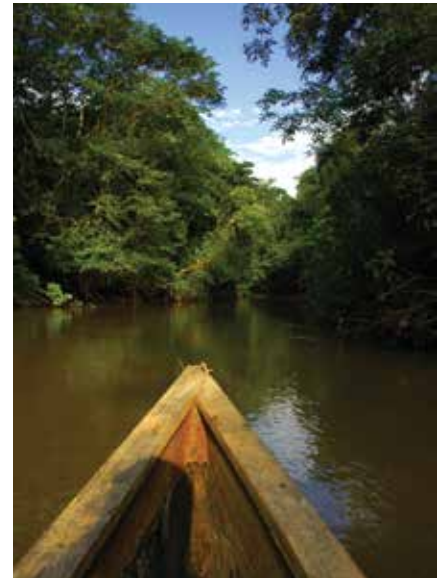
- Day 1 (Thu) Fly to Quito (2 nts)
- Days 2 (Fri) Optional Colonial Quito
- Day 3 - 5 (Sat - Mon) Fly to the jungle and transfer to your lodge then take jungle excursions (3 nts)
- Day 6 (Tue) Fly to Quito (2 nts)
- Day 7 (Wed) Optional Otavalo, Bellavista Cloud Forest, Mashpi Lodge or Quilotoa Volcano Hike excursions
- Day 8 (Thu) Drive to Riobamba (1 nt)
- Day 9 (Fri) Visit Cajabamba community and Ingapirca ruins, then continue to Cuenca (2 nts)
- Day 10 (Sat) Morning tour of Cuenca. Afternoon free
- Day 11 (Sun) Drive to Guayaquil via Cajas National Park (1 nt)
- Day 12 (Mon - Sun) Fly to the Galapagos. Join your Galapagos cruise (7 nts)
- Day 19 (Mon) Fly to Guayaquil (1 nt)
- Day 20 (Tue) Fly to the UK
- Day 21 (Wed) Arrive in the UK



GALAPAGOS ISLAND STAY + GRAND TOUR OF ECUADOR

18 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS

- Day 1 (Fri) Fly to Quito (3 nts)
- Days 2 - 3 (Sat - Sun) Optional Colonial Quito, Otavalo, Bellavista Cloud Forest, Mashpi Lodge or Quilotoa Volcano Hike excursions
- Day 4 - 6 (Mon - Wed) Fly to the jungle and transfer to your lodge then take jungle excursions (3 nts)
- Day 7 (Thu) Fly to Quito (1 nt)
- Day 8 (Fri) Drive to Riobamba (1 nt)
- Day 9 (Sat) Visit Cajabamba community and Ingapirca ruins, then continue to Cuenca (2 nts)
- Day 10 (Sun) Morning tour of Cuenca. Afternoon free
- Day 11 (Mon) Drive to Guayaquil via Cajas National Park (1 nt)
- Day 12 - 15 (Tue - Fri) Fly to the Galapagos. Join your Galapagos tour (4 nts)
- Day 16 (Sat) Fly to Guayaquil (1 nt)
- Day 17 (Sun) Overnight flight to the UK
- Day 18 (Mon) Arrive in the UK



Discover the Amazon basin by canoe



Explore Cajas, which reaches an altitude of 4,500 metres

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| | Galapagos Solaris (7 day) + Grand Tour of Ecuador (18 nights) | Galapagos Solaris (5 day) + Grand Tour of Ecuador (16 nights) | Galapagos Treasure (7 day) + Grand Tour of Ecuador (19 nights) | Galapagos Archipel + Grand Tour of Ecuador (19 nights) | Galapagos Island Stay + Grand Tour of Ecuador (16 nights) |
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| January 2023 | 8949 | 7699 | 8999 | 8449 | 6399 |
| February 2023 | 9049 | 7799 | 9099 | 8549 | 6499 |
| March 2023 | 9099 | 7849 | 9149 | 8599 | 6549 |
| April 2023 | 9149 | 7899 | 9199 | 8649 | 6599 |
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| Single supplement | 910 | 910 | 1960 | 3860 | 1110 |

Standard hotels & boats included in prices above

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| Galapagos Solaris | Quito | Reina Isabel |
| Treasure of Galapagos | Guayaquil | Unipark |
| Galapagos Archipel | Riobamba | Hosteria Abraspungo |
| Hotel Galapagos Suites | Cuenca | Hotel Victoria |
| | Jungle | Sacha Lodge |

All meals on in the jungle and your Galapagos cruise are included. Galapagos Island Stay includes breakfast and lunch. Accommodation in Quito, Riobamba, Cuenca and Guayaquil is bed and breakfast. Some lunches are included on tours.



See hundreds of butterflies in the cloud forest

| Superior hotels | Supplement per nt |
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| Quito Swissotel | £25 (£50 single) |
| Quito Casona de la Ronda | £50 (£100 single) |
| Guayaquil Wyndham* | £45 (£90 single) |

Optional Excursions in Ecuador

See pages 44- 45 for details

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| Colonial Quito | £95 |
| Otavalo | £160 |
| Bellavista Cloud Forest (1 day) | £140* |

* Add £20 for single traveller

Special Offer:

Colonial Quito, Otavalo and Bellavista for just **£359**

Multi-day Excursions

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| Bellavista Cloud Forest (2 days)* | £260 (£300 single) |
| Quilotoa Volcano Hike (2 days) | £329 (£549 single) |
| Mashpi Lodge (2 days) | £699 (£1199 single) |
| Mashpi Lodge (3 days) | £1199 (£2099 single) |

Important read pages 36,129-30 before booking

PERU EXTENSION

7 NIGHTS FROM £1149



PERU INFORMATION

This page gives an outline of our Peru options. For complete details on hotels and excursions, see pages 20 - 21.

We offer an extensive range of holidays in Peru. If you are also interested in visiting other parts of Peru, ask us for details. For details on extensions to the Inca Trail, Lake Titicaca, Arequipa and other parts of Peru, see pages 22 - 28.

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Peru Extension (7 nights) | |
| £1149 (£1499 single) | |
| <i>An extra charge may be payable for rearranging return flights from Lima or for the flight from Ecuador to Lima</i> | |
| This extension is available for arrival in Peru from 21 Mar to 13 Nov 2023 | |
| Standard hotels included in prices above | |
| Lima | Casa Andina Select |
| Cusco | Los Portales |
| Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated | |
| Superior hotels | <i>Supplement</i> |
| Lima | AC by Marriott £80 (£160 single) |
| Cusco | C. Andina Premium £150 (£300 single) |
| Cusco | Aranwa £225 (£450 single) |
| C. Andina Premium Cusco Special Offer: Upgrade in Lima (AC by Marriott) & Cusco (Casa Andina Premium) for only £179 (£359 single) | |
| Aranwa Special Offer: Upgrade in Lima (AC by Marriott) & Cusco (Aranwa) for only £259 (£519 single) | |
| Optional Excursions See pages 20-21 for full details | |
| Inca Cusco | £90 |
| Sacred Valley | £90 |
| Machu Picchu* | £410 |
| Special Offer: all three excursions for just £519 | |
| *Short Inca Trail includes Machu Picchu entrance and return train. Excursion package excluding Machu Picchu: £149 | |
| Two Nights in the Sacred Valley† | |
| Hacienda Urubamba | £200 (£250 single) |
| <i>Price is on top of the Sacred Valley excursion price</i> | |
| A Night at Machu Picchu† | |
| El Mapi | £45 (£85 single) |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | £200 (£300 single) |
| Sanctuary Lodge | £700 (£1250 single) |
| Short Inca Trail (2 days)† 2 day excursion including night at: | |
| El Mapi | £520 (£560 single) |
| Machu Picchu Pueblo | £675 (£775 single) |
| Sanctuary Lodge | £1175 (£1725 single) |
| † Prices are based on checking out of your hotel in Cusco for these nights. For upgrade in Cusco, deduct from these prices £25 (£50 single) per night for Casa Andina Premium and £40 (£80 single) for Aranwa | |



Marvel at Machu Picchu, one of the Seven Wonders of the World

Combining the natural wonders of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands with the majesty of Machu Picchu and Peru is a very attractive option, and we have put together a seven-day extension to Peru that you can add to the end of your holiday in Ecuador.

This combines two nights in Lima, on the Pacific coast, with five nights in Cusco, ancient capital of

the Inca Empire. From here, you can visit the nearby Sacred Valley of the Incas and take a breathtaking trip to Machu Picchu, lost city of the Incas, set in stunning mountain scenery. Staying in Cusco, you can experience ancient cultures, wonderful scenery, lively festivals and colourful markets. There is also hiking, mountain biking and white water rafting possible.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Lima Flight from Ecuador to Lima (1 night).

Short Inca Trail excursion to Machu Picchu.

Day 2 Cusco Morning flight to Cusco. Afternoon free to help you acclimatise to the altitude (5 nights).

Day 6 Cusco Free day in Cusco. Get to know the town better, revisit the Sacred Valley or perhaps try one of the many adventure sports on offer.

Day 3 Cusco Join the optional Inca Cusco excursion to explore the Inca sites in and around this historic city.

Day 7 Lima Morning flight to Lima. Afternoon free. Go shopping in fashionable Miraflores, visit the Archaeological Museum or try one of the city's many excellent seafood restaurants (1 night).

Day 4 Cusco Take the optional Sacred Valley excursion, visit the incredible Inca ruins of Ollantaytambo and the village of Chincheros.

Day 8 Optional Peru on a Plate excursion. Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 5 Cusco or Machu Picchu Take the optional excursion to Machu Picchu, which starts with a magical train ride, followed by a guided visit to the ruins. Evening return to Cusco or spend a night here and return the following day. Alternatively, take the

Day 9 Arrival in the UK.

Your itinerary may vary from this suggestion, as some excursions are only available on certain days.

EXCURSIONS IN PERU

Brief descriptions of the optional excursions available in Peru are below. See pages 20 - 21 for full descriptions.

fascinating guided tour of the site. Then board the train to Cusco, arriving in the evening.

INCA CUSCO

A half-day tour of Cusco, including San Pedro market, Qoricancha and Sacsayhuaman. The Cusco tourist ticket is included.

A NIGHT AT MACHU PICCHU

After our tour of the Inca site, check in to your hotel in the valley below the ruins. You have a free day before returning to Cusco the following afternoon.

SACRED VALLEY

This full-day excursion visits the Sacred Valley of the Incas, including Chincheros and the Inca ruins at Ollantaytambo.

SHORT INCA TRAIL

A 9-mile hike starting at Chachabamba. Climb to Wiñay Wayna and continue to the Sun Gate for your first view of Machu Picchu in the late afternoon. The next morning, return to the ruins for a guided tour. You return to Cusco in the afternoon.

Extend your stay in the Sacred Valley with the Two Nights in the Sacred Valley excursion. If you are interested in this option ask us for details.

PERU ON A PLATE

Indulge in Peru's world-renowned gastronomy with a half-day cooking class. Visit a local food market before preparing a delicious three-course lunch.

MACHU PICCHU

Take the train to the valley below Machu Picchu, then a bus to the ruins, where you have lunch and a

ARGENTINA, BRAZIL & CHILE

Separated by the Andes, Argentina and Chile share many regions, such as the epic expanses of Tierra Del Fuego and the vast rugged steppe of Patagonia, and between them have some of the most dramatic and diverse landscapes on the planet. Chile's Torres del Paine is one of the world's great national parks, full of soaring peaks and glacial lakes. The Atacama Desert is the driest place on earth and home to a surreal landscape of red rock valleys and glistening salt flats. Easter Island, in the South Seas, has mysterious moai stone heads scattered across the island's volcanic landscape. Argentina's majestic Perito Moreno Glacier is the crown jewel of the magnificent Southern Patagonian Ice Field. The Iguazu Falls, straddling the border of Argentina and Brazil, are possibly the most spectacular waterfalls in the world, with cascades stretching for a mile and a half through sub-tropical jungle. Elegant Argentinian capital Buenos Aires is known for its excellent dining and sophisticated tango, and vibrant Santiago in Chile has beautiful traditional markets and excellent museums.

Brazil is blessed with a wealth of attractions, including a stunning coastline spanning over 4,500 miles, a dizzying abundance of wildlife in the Pantanal wetland, and Rio de Janeiro, a city with one of the most incredible settings of any on earth, where the lush, tropical mountains roll into the Atlantic Ocean.



WHEN TO GO

November to March are the warmest months, although it can be windy in Patagonia. Rio and Paraty are hot all year, with warm sea temperatures. Salvador has a rainy season from April to July. The Pantanal has a tropical savannah climate with a rainy season from November to April, and little rainfall from June to August. The Amazon region has a tropical monsoon climate, with a short drier season from July to September. For more details, please visit our website.

CUSTOMER RATINGS

Llama Travel restarted operations to Chile, Argentina and Brazil in November 2022, so the scores here are from Llama Travel customers in 2019, the last full year of travel.

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| Holiday Overall | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 88%; height: 10px; background-color: #4682B4; margin-right: 5px;"></div><div style="width: 12%; height: 10px; background-color: #D3D3D3; margin-right: 5px;"></div></div> | 88% |
| Value for money | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 79%; height: 10px; background-color: #4682B4; margin-right: 5px;"></div><div style="width: 21%; height: 10px; background-color: #D3D3D3; margin-right: 5px;"></div></div> | 79% |
| Chile as a holiday destination | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 88%; height: 10px; background-color: #4682B4; margin-right: 5px;"></div><div style="width: 12%; height: 10px; background-color: #D3D3D3; margin-right: 5px;"></div></div> | 88% |
| Argentina as a holiday destination | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 82%; height: 10px; background-color: #4682B4; margin-right: 5px;"></div><div style="width: 18%; height: 10px; background-color: #D3D3D3; margin-right: 5px;"></div></div> | 82% |
| Brazil as a holiday destination | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 78%; height: 10px; background-color: #4682B4; margin-right: 5px;"></div><div style="width: 22%; height: 10px; background-color: #D3D3D3; margin-right: 5px;"></div></div> | 78% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 80%; height: 10px; background-color: #4682B4; margin-right: 5px;"></div><div style="width: 20%; height: 10px; background-color: #D3D3D3; margin-right: 5px;"></div></div> | 80% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 74%; height: 10px; background-color: #4682B4; margin-right: 5px;"></div><div style="width: 26%; height: 10px; background-color: #D3D3D3; margin-right: 5px;"></div></div> | 74% |

*Perito Moreno Glacier, Argentina (top)
Atacama Desert, Chile (middle)
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (bottom)*



SAMBA, TANGO & IGUAZU FALLS

Buenos Aires Iguazu Falls Rio de Janeiro

11 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS FROM £2749

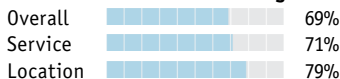


BUENOS AIRES HOTELS

NH LANCASTER

This well-located hotel in central Buenos Aires has a modern interior, restaurant, bar, gym and sauna. En-suite rooms have air conditioning.

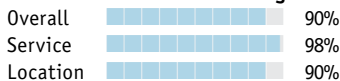
Llama Travel Customer Ratings



SOFITEL RECOLETA

Stylish hotel with a heated indoor pool, gym, bar, restaurant and gardens. Comfortable rooms with air conditioning, and en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

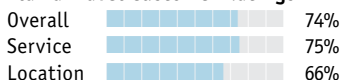


IGUAZU FALLS HOTELS

MERCURE HOTEL, PUERTO IGUAZU

Situated amongst the jungle foliage, the Mercure has well-appointed en-suite rooms in a natural setting with a pool, bar, restaurant and gym.

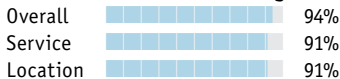
Llama Travel Customer Ratings



LOI SUITES, PUERTO IGUAZU

Surrounded by jungle, just a 15-minute drive from the falls, with a sauna, outdoor swimming pools and lounge. Comfortable rooms are en-suite and air conditioned.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



HOTEL MELIA, IGUAZU FALLS

In the reserve, with views of the falls, this hotel has beautiful grounds, pool, gym, spa, restaurant and bar. The en-suite rooms are air conditioned with balconies. Falls view rooms available for a supplement.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



RIO DE JANEIRO HOTELS

NOVOTEL RIO LEME

At the quieter end of Copacabana, the hotel has a rooftop pool overlooking the ocean. There is a restaurant and bar. The en-suite rooms are small but modern, with air conditioning.

HOTEL WINDSOR CALIFORNIA

With a fantastic location on Copacabana Beach, there is a rooftop pool and bar. Rooms are well appointed. Sea View rooms available for a supplement.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



Visit the statue of Christ the Redeemer for a view of Sugarloaf and Rio de Janeiro

This holiday visits two of the most exciting cities in South America plus the spectacular Iguazu Falls. Buenos Aires, in Argentina, is the cultural capital of Spanish South America, where you can enjoy the sophistication of the tango, excellent food and beautiful football. Visit the historical centre and the fashionable shopping areas, or explore some of the more bohemian neighbourhoods.

Rio de Janeiro has one of the world's most stunning natural settings, with beautiful bays, hills rolling into the ocean and tropical beaches. Enjoy the bustling life

on Copacabana and Ipanema beaches and dance to the rhythms of the samba, perhaps visiting a samba show.

The Iguazu Falls are possibly the most spectacular waterfalls in the world. Stretching for over a mile and a half, with over 270 falls up to 80 metres tall, the falls are located in lush sub-tropical forest straddling the border of Argentina and Brazil. This holiday allows you to visit both sides of the falls.

Customer Rating for Samba, Tango & Iguazu Falls



ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sat) Overnight flight from the UK to Buenos Aires.

Day 2 (Sun) Buenos Aires Morning arrival in Buenos Aires. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel, then have the rest of the day free (3 nights).

Day 3 (Mon) Buenos Aires Free day in Buenos Aires. Take the optional Historic Buenos Aires excursion to explore different areas of the city. In the evening, take the optional Tango Dinner Show excursion.

Day 4 (Tue) Buenos Aires Free day. Take the optional Colonial Uruguay excursion, visiting this fascinating country across the River Plate.

Day 5 (Wed) Puerto Iguazu Fly from Buenos Aires to Puerto Iguazu, located on the Argentinian side of the border (2 nights). An afternoon visit to the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls, from where you can appreciate the grandeur of the falls.

Day 6 (Thu) Puerto Iguazu A free day to explore the Argentinian side of the falls by yourself. Here, you can follow the walkways, seeing the falls from the waters edge below and from above. You can also take an adrenalin-filled (and drenching) boat ride to the base of the falls. If you prefer a guided tour, take the optional Argentinian Iguazu Falls excursion.

Day 7 (Fri) Rio Fly to Rio de Janeiro (3 nights).

Day 8 (Sat) Rio Take the optional full-day Iconic Rio excursion which visits the Sugarloaf and Christ the Redeemer, or explore Rio in your own time.

Day 9 (Sun) Rio Optional Santa Teresa excursion to explore the most beautiful part of the city. Alternatively, soak up the sun on the world famous Copacabana or Ipanema beaches. Near Rio is the Tijuca National Park, covered in lush tropical forest and abundant with wildlife,

Day 10 (Mon) Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 11 (Tue) Arrival in the UK.

It is possible to extend your stay to visit Paraty or the Pantanal, See pages 56 - 57.



The obelisk in downtown Buenos Aires



NH Lancaster, Buenos Aires



Mercure Hotel, Puerto Iguazu



Arena Leme Hotel, Rio de Janeiro



Use the walkways at Iguazu Falls to approach the edge of the falls

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

HISTORIC BUENOS AIRES

This half-day excursion visits the principal areas of Buenos Aires, starting with the Plaza de Mayo in the centre, where you can see the Pink House, from where 'Evita' Perón addressed the masses. Then visit the historic area of San Telmo, and La Boca, the old port, with colourful painted houses, where the first immigrants arrived in the city, and where locals sometimes dance tango on the streets. You also visit La Recoleta, one of the most elegant neighbourhoods of the city. The beautiful cemetery here houses the tombs of many famous Argentinians.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 84%

TANGO DINNER SHOW

Tango has had a resurgence in recent years in Buenos Aires, and a visit to a tango show allows you to appreciate the elegance and sensuality of this dance. This excursion visits the Cafe de los Angelitos theatre, with musicians and singers playing classic tango while professional dancers perform complicated routines on stage. A good dinner, with wine or soft drinks, is included at your table. You are collected from your hotel in the evening and taken back after the show.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 81%

COLONIAL URUGUAY

This full-day excursion starts with a catamaran ride across the River Plate to the Uruguayan town of Colonia del Sacramento. The visit to this small, charming colonial town starts at the city gate, before continuing to the old lighthouse and the Church of Matriz, the oldest church in Uruguay. After lunch, return by boat to Buenos Aires before being transferred to your hotel.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 65%

ARGENTINIAN IGUAZU FALLS

A morning excursion visiting the Argentinian side of the falls. You take the visitors' train to the one-kilometre walkway over the River Iguazu, where you see the mighty Devil's Throat Falls from above. You then walk the upper circuit, from where you see many of the other falls from above, before descending to the lower circuit, where you see the falls from below. The tour lasts about 4 hours. You have free time in the area to explore some of the trails by yourself or you can also take an optional, adrenalin-filled (and drenching) boat ride to the base of the falls.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 94%

ICONIC RIO

A full-day excursion starting with a visit to the centre of the city, where you see the striking modern cathedral. Then catch the funicular train up the 710-metre granite peak of the Corcovado to the Christ the Redeemer statue where you have incredible views of the beaches and mountains of Rio. After lunch at a churrascaria - a typical Brazilian steakhouse - you catch the cable car up the Sugarloaf, with beautiful views of Copacabana. Look out for the monkeys in the lush tropical vegetation. You then drive along the beaches, before returning to your hotel.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 91%

SANTA TERESA

Explore Rio's most picturesque neighbourhood on foot during this half-day excursion in Santa Teresa, characterised by its cobbled streets lined with local galleries, cafés and bars. Take public transport and then the antique tram past the Lapa arches, walk up the colourful tile-lined steps leading to the Jorge Selarón studio and admire the bay from the impressive vantage point of Parque das Ruínas. End with a delicious caipirinha cocktail in a traditional local bar.



Ride a tram in Rio's Santa Teresa neighbourhood

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Samba, Tango & Iguazu Falls (8 nights) | |
|---|------|
| 28 January 2023 | 2999 |
| 4 February 2023 | 2979 |
| 25 February 2023 | 2999 |
| 4 March 2023 | 2999 |
| 25 March 2023 | 2999 |
| 8 April 2023 | 3049 |
| 13 May 2023 | 2899 |
| 11 November 2023 | 2799 |
| 18 November 2023 | 2849 |
| 25 November 2023 | 2849 |
| 2 December 2023 | 2799 |
| 20 January 2024 | 2849 |
| 27 January 2024 | 2849 |
| 17 February 2024 | 2849 |
| 2 March 2024 | 2799 |
| 9 March 2024 | 2799 |
| 23 March 2024 | 2799 |
| 6 April 2024 | 2749 |
| Single supplement | 520 |

Prices are from Heathrow; for regional departures see p128.

Standard hotels included in prices above

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| Buenos Aires | NH Lancaster |
| Iguazu | Hotel Mercure |
| Rio | Novotel Rio Leme |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast

| Superior hotels | Supplement |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| B.Aires | Sofitel £150 (£300 single) |
| Iguazu | Loi Suites £120 (£240 single) |
| | Melia* £200 (£400 single) |
| Rio | California £75 (£150 single) |

Special Offer:

Upgrade in Rio, Iguazu (Loi Suites) and Buenos Aires for only **£249** (£499 single)

*Melia Iguazu prices vary. Ask us or see our website for details.

Optional Excursions

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| Historic Buenos Aires | £65 |
| Tango Dinner Show | £110 |
| Iconic Rio | £240 |

Special Offer: All three Rio and Buenos Aires excursions for just £369

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| Argentinian Iguazu Falls | £110 |
| Colonial Uruguay | £330 |
| Santa Teresa | £60 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking



Loi Suites, Puerto Iguazu



Hotel Melia, Iguazu Falls



Sofitel Recoleta, Buenos Aires

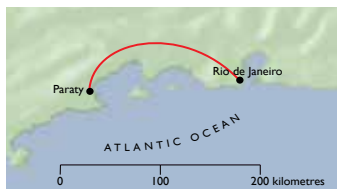


Hotel Windsor California, Rio de Janeiro

EXTENSION TO SAMBA, TANGO & IGUAZU FALLS

COLONIAL PARATY

3 NIGHTS FROM £499



PARATY HOTEL

POUSADA PARDIEIRO



In the heart of the colonial centre, a traditional hotel with beautiful gardens, pool, sauna, restaurant and bar. The good-sized rooms have antique furniture, air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.



Wander the Old Town dating back to the 1820s



Explore the waterfalls at Pedra Branca inland from Paraty



Get lost in Paraty's pretty cobble streets

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| Colonial Paraty | | |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Pousada Pardieiro | 3 nights | single suppl |
| 2023 | £499 | £300 |
| 2024 | £519 | £330 |
| Please ask us for prices for stays after 16 Dec | | |
| Board: bed and breakfast | | |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate this extension | | |



Visit the beautiful beach of Trindade, near Paraty

A four-hour drive from Rio, along the beautiful Emerald Coast, takes you to the colonial gem of Paraty. The pretty town, set between the rainforest-covered mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, has cobblestoned streets lined by well-preserved, brightly coloured buildings.

Paraty was an important port for gold in the 18th century. Today, the town is perfect for strolling along the car-free streets, relaxing in one of the bars and cafes or shopping in the boutiques.

The bay of Paraty is full of tropical islands and romantic beaches, within walking distance, but the best are reached by a short drive or by taking a trip on a schooner. The clear waters are ideal for swimming and snorkelling. Head inland to experience the rich historical background, visiting the gold trail cutting through the rainforest and sugarcane fields. You can even swim in natural pools and under beautiful waterfalls. The best time to experience Paraty is in the warmer months of November to April.

This extension includes transfers to and from Rio.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Paraty A beautiful 4-hour transfer along the Emerald Coast to Paraty (3 nights). Wander along the cobblestoned streets in the afternoon, taking in the atmosphere of this charming town.

Day 2 Paraty Make your way to the port in the morning, then take a schooner boat to the archipelago of forested islands, crystalline seas and white sandy beaches around the Emerald Coast. Make three island stops to

sunbathe, snorkel and have lunch in the beautiful bays.

Day 3 Paraty Free day. Wander the streets and relax in a cafe, visit the nearby beaches or perhaps explore the waterfalls inland, visiting the Gold Trail by jeep.

Day 4 Take a 4-hour transfer to Rio airport for your overnight flight to the UK.

Day 5 Arrival in the UK.



The picturesque colonial town of Paraty on Brazil's Emerald Coast



Take a schooner boat trip to a nearby secluded beach



See colourful fishing boats that roam the Bay of Paraty

THE PANTANAL

4 NIGHTS FROM £1849



Stay on the banks of the Mutum River, deep within the wetlands of the Pantanal

The abundance and diversity of wildlife in the Pantanal, the world's largest wetland, is astonishing. Here you will almost certainly see toucans gliding through the air, hear the bellowing groan of howler monkeys at daybreak, and confront the unflinching

eyes of sinister caimans. For nature lovers this is one of the best destinations in the world.

This delicately balanced ecosystem is best visited from May to October, in the drier season, when it is possible to explore more of the area by road and by boat.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Pantanal Fly from Rio to Cuiabá, and then take a 3-hour road transfer into the Pantanal, spotting eagles and rheas, arriving at the lodge in the evening. After dinner, take a night excursion by jeep, searching for anteaters and armadillos (3 nights).

Day 2 Pantanal In the morning, hike on woodland trails and visit a typical village to see what life is like in the region. After lunch at the lodge, take a motorised canoe ride on the Mutum River to look for wildlife and see a beautiful Pantanal sunset. See southern caracaras, black-collared hawks, roseate spoonbills, kingfishers, great kiskadees and trogons.

Day 3 Pantanal Rise early for a sunrise trip by canoe, watch macaws soaring overhead whilst the shriek of the southern screamer pierces the air and caimans look on from the water. Later in the morning, ride on horseback to Sia Mariana Bay, through lush woodland

and across open plains. Relax at the lodge during the hottest hours of the day, before taking to the river to fish for piranha, with the chance of seeing giant river otters and capybaras playing in the water. Return to the lodge after sunset.

Day 4 Rio After breakfast, drive back to Cuiabá and fly back to Rio (1 night).

Day 5 Overnight flight to the UK.

Day 6 Arrival in the UK.

Excursions in the Pantanal can vary and will depend on conditions at the time. The above excursions are typical, but the exact itinerary will be provided upon arrival at the lodge to maximise the opportunity to spot wildlife.

On some occasions, a night in Cuiabá may be necessary due to flight schedules.



Enjoy sunset boat rides down the Mutum River



Spoonbills can be seen wading through the marshland



PANTANAL HOTEL

POUSADA RIO MUTUM



A peaceful lodge set in seven acres of leafy grounds on the banks of the Mutum River, with an attractive pool area, reading room and map room. The 22 chalet-style rooms offer privacy and are spread across the grounds, which host wildlife including jabiru storks, monkeys, tapirs, and birds such as chachalacas and cardinals. Rooms are comfortably furnished with air conditioning and a ceiling fan, a fridge, en-suite bathroom and private terrace with a hammock. All meals are included and are served in the lodge's cosy restaurant, featuring typical pantaneiro cuisine. The indoor common areas have WiFi.

The pousada includes a full excursion programme, including horse-riding, walking trails, canoe and motorboat rides. The lodge enjoys a privileged position close to the Sia Mariana and Chacororé lakes, whose waters are home to piranhas, giant river otters, capybaras and caimans, and where the calls of hundreds of water birds fill the skies.



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| The Pantanal | | |
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| Pousada Rio Mutum | 4 nights | single suppl |
| | £1849 | £350 |
| Price varies through the year. Ask us or see our website for details | | |
| An additional night in Rio is included. There is an upgrade cost for superior hotels. | | |
| Accommodation in Pantanal lodge is full board | | |



See capybaras near the hotel grounds

CHILE HOTELS

PLAZA SAN FRANCISCO, SANTIAGO



Located in the centre of Santiago, this hotel is within walking distance of many tourist attractions. There is a restaurant and gym, and the spacious en-suite rooms have air conditioning.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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| Overall | <div style="width: 81%;"><div style="width: 81%;"></div></div> | 81% |
| Service | <div style="width: 83%;"><div style="width: 83%;"></div></div> | 83% |
| Location | <div style="width: 83%;"><div style="width: 83%;"></div></div> | 83% |

CUMBRES LASTARRIA, SANTIAGO



Hotel Cumbres Lastarria is a 70 room hotel in a lovely part of Santiago. There is an 8th floor restaurant with great views, a pool and fitness centre. Rooms are modern with en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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| Overall | <div style="width: 92%;"><div style="width: 92%;"></div></div> | 92% |
| Service | <div style="width: 89%;"><div style="width: 89%;"></div></div> | 89% |
| Location | <div style="width: 97%;"><div style="width: 97%;"></div></div> | 97% |

HOTEL REMOTA, PUERTO NATALES



A very comfortable, modern hotel beautifully located on the Last Hope Sound, with a restaurant, spa, swimming pool and jacuzzi. Rooms are spacious with en-suite bathrooms and fantastic panoramic views.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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| Overall | <div style="width: 85%;"><div style="width: 85%;"></div></div> | 85% |
| Service | <div style="width: 86%;"><div style="width: 86%;"></div></div> | 86% |
| Location | <div style="width: 69%;"><div style="width: 69%;"></div></div> | 69% |

HOTEL RIO SERRANO, TORRES DEL PAINE



Just across the River Serrano from the national park, a hotel with magnificent views towards the Paine massif. There is a restaurant, bar and swimming pool. The comfortable rooms have heating and good en-suite facilities. The standard rooms look out on the hill behind the hotel. The superior rooms are more spacious and have wonderful views across the river to the peaks.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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| Overall | <div style="width: 74%;"><div style="width: 74%;"></div></div> | 74% |
| Service | <div style="width: 71%;"><div style="width: 71%;"></div></div> | 71% |
| Location | <div style="width: 82%;"><div style="width: 82%;"></div></div> | 82% |

BEST OF ARGENTINA & CHILE

SANTIAGO PATAGONIA PUERTO NATALES TORRES DEL PAINE
EL CALAFATE PERITO MORENO GLACIER BUENOS AIRES

14 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS FROM £3999



Marvel at the Perito Moreno Glacier near El Calafate

This holiday combines the natural splendour of the rugged Patagonian steppe with the sophistication and culture of Chile and Argentina's vibrant capital cities. Explore the soaring peaks and lakes of Torres del Paine National Park and come face to face with Argentina's breathtaking Perito Moreno glacier which spectacularly

descends from Mount Pietrobelli. Then enjoy the superb food and dance tango in Buenos Aires and visit Santiago, magnificently set in the shadow of the snow-capped Andes.

Customer Rating for Best of Argentina & Chile

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| Overall | <div style="width: 87%;"><div style="width: 87%;"></div></div> | 87% |
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ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

Day 2 (Fri) Santiago Morning arrival in Santiago, the capital of Chile. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel (2 nights). In the afternoon, take the optional Santiago Walking Tour to discover the city.

Day 3 (Sat) Santiago Free day in Santiago. Take the optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion to explore the historic port city and sample some of Chile's famous wine.

Day 4 (Sun) Puerto Natales Fly over the Southern Patagonian Ice Field to Punta Arenas, located on the Straits of Magellan. Then take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales, a small town wonderfully set on the shores of Last Hope Sound (1 night). On some dates, flights go directly to Puerto Natales.

Day 5 (Mon) Torres del Paine Take a full-day tour of Torres del Paine, one of the world's great national parks. Visit the lagoons, waterfalls, glaciers and mountains by road. The park is dominated by the granite Paine massif, with wonderful views of the towers and horns throughout the park. Packed lunch is included. Visit Lago Grey, where you can walk on the lake shore or take the optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion. Reach your hotel in the late afternoon, where you can enjoy the amazing views (2 nights).

Day 6 (Tue) Torres del Paine Free day in Torres del Paine. Take the optional Las Torres Trek or the half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento. You can also book activities directly in the hotel.

Day 7 (Wed) Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales Optional Horse Riding excursion in the morning. In the afternoon, return to Puerto Natales (1 night).

Day 8 (Thu) El Calafate Take a 5-hour coach trip from Puerto Natales to El Calafate in Argentina, crossing the Patagonian plain* (3 nights).

Day 9 (Fri) El Calafate A 90-minute drive along the shores of Lake Argentino takes you to the Perito Moreno Glacier, part of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field. Visit the walkways, where you can see the face of the 60-metre high glacier up close and listen to the creaks as the glacier breathes. Sometimes immense chunks of ice break off the glacier and crash into the lake. Then take a boat ride to see the glacier from a different perspective. After a packed lunch, explore the glacier and walkways on your own, returning to El Calafate in the late afternoon. Please note, the order of the visits may vary.

Day 10 (Sat) El Calafate Free day in El Calafate. Take the optional Estancia Cristina & Los Glaciares National Park excursion across Lake Argentino to a former sheep ranch beautifully located in the heart of the Los Glaciares National Park.

Day 11 (Sun) Buenos Aires Fly to Buenos Aires (2 nights).

Day 12 (Mon) Buenos Aires Free day in Buenos Aires. Take the optional Historic Buenos Aires tour to explore different areas of the city. In the evening, take the optional Tango Dinner Show excursion.

Day 13 (Tue) Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 14 (Wed) Arrival in the UK.

See pages 59 - 60 for details of excursions and hotels.

It may be possible to add extra nights in Buenos Aires, allowing you time to take the Colonial Uruguay excursion. Please ask us for details.

*The coach to El Calafate is on a public service. The bus is comfortable and has a WC, but the service is simple. This is the best option for crossing the border but if you prefer a private transfer with a guide, please ask us for details.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS IN CHILE



Hike to the towers of the Paine Massif on Las Torres Trek

SANTIAGO WALKING TOUR

Get the perfect introduction to the city as you explore some of its main sights on foot. Visit La Moneda, stroll through the lively main square and the colourful Lastarria neighbourhood. Finish at Santa Lucía hill for panoramic views across Santiago.

VINEYARD & VALPARAISO

A full-day excursion, descending from Santiago through the countryside to Valparaiso on the Pacific coast. Colourful houses tumble down the hills to the sea, and a series of funiculars take you up and down for spectacular views. An important port in the 19th century, it was once home to the poet Pablo Neruda. After lunch, visit a vineyard in the Casablanca Valley, where you can try some of the excellent Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. You return to Santiago in the evening.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 87%

BOAT TO GREY GLACIER

As part of the Torres del Paine tour, you can add a cruise on Lago Grey. This excursion takes you from the shores of Lago Grey to the face of the Grey Glacier in a beautiful boat ride across the icy lake. Sail among floating icebergs before arriving at the face of the 40-metre high glacier, where you can hear the ice breathe and maybe watch chunks of the glacier crash into the lake. The trip takes approximately 2 hours. This trip needs a minimum number to operate and may be cancelled at short notice due to poor weather.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 72%

LAS TORRES TREK

Drive through the park to the start of the trek, which starts with dramatic views as you ascend River Ascencio valley. The trail continues through beech forest and finally reaches a glacial moraine - the most difficult part of the trail. The views of the granite towers from here are fantastic. You then descend the valley and return to your hotel. The excursion takes approximately 11 hours, including a 90-minute drive through the park each way, and is of moderate-high difficulty. A packed lunch is provided. This trek may be cancelled at short notice due to poor weather.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 80%

HIKE TO LAKE SARMIENTO

This is the easier of our hiking excursions in Torres del Paine. You walk for around three hours on a flatter trail than most in the park, to the Lake Sarmiento, offering the chance to see the fauna and flora of the park, and the snowy peaks of the Paine Massif. The route may vary due to local conditions or the trek may be cancelled at short notice due to poor weather.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 78%

TORRES DEL PAINE HORSE RIDING

This incredible two-hour guided horse ride takes you through the Magellanic forest and across a lagoon towards the Serrano River. The open grasslands are ideal for horses and make a superb setting for riding against an extraordinary backdrop of the Torres del Paine massif. If you're lucky, spot condors and other birdlife soaring over the snow-capped peaks, or hear the cry of guanacos in the distance. Helmets are provided.

OSORNO VOLCANO & HIKE

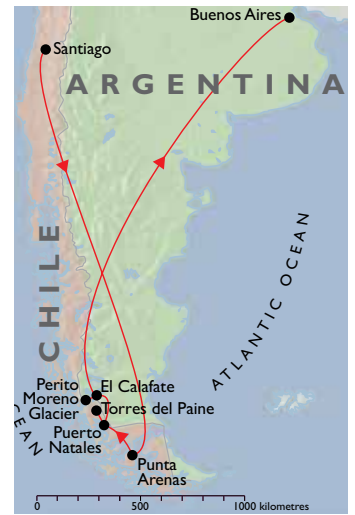
A full-day excursion to the snow-capped Osorno Volcano. Ascend the lower slopes by road where, on a clear day, there are fantastic views of Lake Llanquihue and the surrounding region, including Puntiaquedo and Calbuco volcanoes. Then descend to the foothills and hike through an ancient forest and on volcanic rock as your guide talks about the local ecology. After a packed lunch, visit the cascading Petrohué waterfalls and Lake Todos los Santos, before returning to Puerto Varas in the late afternoon. The hike lasts approximately 2 hours and is on uneven terrain, so you need a reasonable level of fitness.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 80%



Go horse-riding in Torres del Paine, surrounded by spectacular scenery



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Best of Argentina and Chile (11 nights) | |
|--|------|
| 26 January 2023 | 4299 |
| 2 February 2023 | 4349 |
| 9 February 2023 | 4349 |
| 23 February 2023 | 4349 |
| 16 March 2023 | 4299 |
| 30 March 2023 | 4249 |
| 2 November 2023 | 4049 |
| 9 November 2023 | 4099 |
| 16 November 2023 | 4099 |
| 23 November 2023 | 4099 |
| 11 January 2024 | 4049 |
| 18 January 2024 | 4049 |
| 1 February 2024 | 4099 |
| 8 February 2024 | 4099 |
| 22 February 2024 | 4099 |
| 29 February 2024 | 4099 |
| 14 March 2024 | 4049 |
| 28 March 2024 | 3999 |
| Single supplement | 1100 |

Prices from Heathrow, regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Santiago | Plaza San Francisco |
| Puerto Natales | Hotel Remota |
| Torres del Paine | Hotel Rio Serrano* |
| El Calafate | Calafate Parque |
| Buenos Aires | NH Lancaster |

* For upgrade to Superior room in Rio Serrano, add £120 (£240 single)
Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

Superior hotels Supplement

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|-----------------|---------------|------|---------------|
| Santiago | Cumbres Last. | £50 | (£100 single) |
| Calafate | Xelena* | £150 | (£300 single) |
| B.Aires | Sofitel | £100 | (£200 single) |

Special Offer*: Upgrade in Santiago, El Calafate and Buenos Aires for only **£249** (£499 single)

*Prices for Xelena vary throughout year. Ask us or see our website for details

Optional Excursions

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|-----------------------|------|
| Vineyard & Valparaiso | £180 |
| Estancia Cristina | £270 |
| Historic Buenos Aires | £65 |
| Tango Dinner Show | £110 |

Special Offer:

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| All 4 excursions above for just £569 | |
| Santiago Walking Tour | £40 |
| Boat to Grey Glacier | £130 |
| Las Torres Trek | £170 |
| Hike to Lake Sarmiento | £95 |
| Torres del Paine Horse Riding | £120 |
| Colonial Uruguay | £330 |

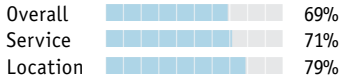
Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

NH LANCASTER, BUENOS AIRES



This well-located hotel in central Buenos Aires has a modern interior, restaurant, bar, small gym and sauna. The rooms have air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



SOFITEL RECOLETA, BUENOS AIRES



In the exclusive La Recoleta area, a stylish hotel with a heated indoor pool, gym, spa, bar, restaurant and gardens. Well appointed rooms with air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



CALAFATE PARQUE, EL CALAFATE



A 50-room hotel near the centre of El Calafate. It offers a welcoming atmosphere with good amenities. All rooms are en-suite with heating. The hotel has an on-site bar and restaurant, as well as a gym and spa.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



HOTEL XELENA, EL CALAFATE



Just outside of town on the lake shore, with a pool, spa, sauna, restaurant and bar. The spacious rooms have heating, en-suite bathrooms and lake views.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



Visit the vibrant La Boca district in Buenos Aires

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS IN ARGENTINA



Watch a Tango show at the Café de los Angelitos theatre in Buenos Aires

ESTANCIA CRISTINA & LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK

The full-day excursion begins with a one-hour drive to the port of Puerto Bandera from where you sail across Lake Argentino, passing among icebergs. Disembark at Estancia Cristina, a ranch built by an Englishman in 1914, beautifully located in the heart of the Los Glaciares National Park, surrounded by mountains and lakes. Visit the farmhouse and the small museum in the old shearing shed. Then take a four-wheel drive tour along mountain roads to a local lookout point with stunning views of the Upsala glacier. Return to the farmhouse and sail back to Puerto Bandera, arriving in El Calafate in the evening. Lunch is provided. This excursion is carried out with tourists of other nationalities. The guides are provided by the Estancia Cristina. The transfer coach from El Calafate to the port does not have a guide on board. This excursion may be cancelled at short notice due to poor weather.

Llama Travel Customer Rating



HISTORIC BUENOS AIRES

This half-day excursion visits the principal areas of Buenos Aires, starting with the Plaza de Mayo in the city centre, where you can see the Pink House, from where 'Evita' Perón addressed the masses. Then visit the historic area of San Telmo, and La Boca, the old port, with colourful painted houses, where the first immigrants arrived in the city, and where locals dance tango on the streets. You also visit the elegant La Recoleta neighbourhood. The beautiful cemetery here houses the tombs of many famous Argentinians.

Llama Travel Customer Rating



El Ateneo Book Store, showcasing its remarkable interior

TANGO DINNER SHOW

Tango has had a resurgence in recent years in Buenos Aires, and a visit to a tango show allows you to appreciate the elegance and sensuality of this dance. This evening excursion visits the Café de los Angelitos theatre, with musicians and singers playing classic tango while professional dancers perform complicated routines on stage. A good dinner with wine or soft drinks is provided. Transport to and from the show from your hotel is included.

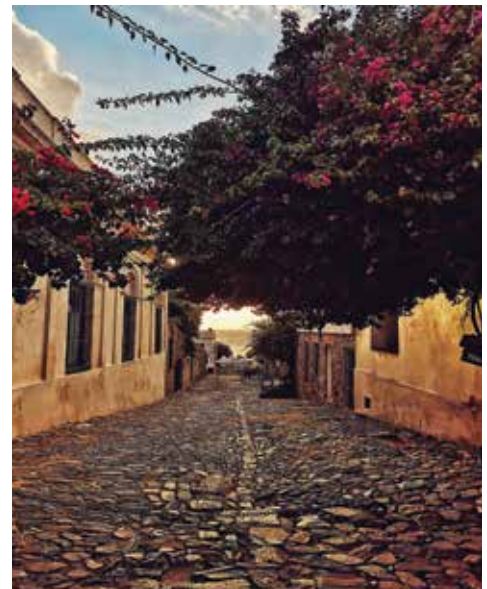
Llama Travel Customer Rating



COLONIAL URUGUAY

This full-day excursion starts with a catamaran ride across the River Plate to the Uruguayan town of Colonia del Sacramento. The visit to this small, charming colonial town starts at the city gate, before continuing to the old lighthouse and the Church of Matriz, the oldest church in Uruguay. After lunch return by boat to Buenos Aires before being transferred to your hotel.

Llama Travel Customer Rating



Take a daytrip to Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay

CHILEAN LAKE DISTRICT

SANTIAGO LAKE DISTRICT PATAGONIA PUERTO NATALES TORRES DEL PAINE
EL CALAFATE PERITO MORENO GLACIER BUENOS AIRES

16 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS FROM £4429



Stay in Puerto Varas, on the shores of Lake Llanquihue with beautiful views of Osorno Volcano

The Chilean Lake District is one of the most picturesque regions in the country. One spectacular panorama follows another in this impossibly beautiful region of snow-capped volcanoes, wild forests and cobalt blue glacial lakes; bodies of water so pristine that the region

was named after them. The Lake District is also known as a great location for adventure seekers, as the region is almost perfectly sculpted for hikes and kayaking.

Customer Rating for the Lake District

Overall 74%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Tue) Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

Day 2 (Wed) Santiago Morning arrival in Santiago, the capital of Chile. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).

Day 3 (Thu) Santiago Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.

Day 4 (Fri) Puerto Varas Fly to the heart of the Chilean Lake District, and transfer to Puerto Varas (2 nts) on the shores of Lago Llanquihue, with views of the beautiful snow-capped Osorno Volcano.

Day 5 (Sat) Puerto Varas Free day in Puerto Varas. Take the optional Osorno Volcano & Hike excursion, or explore the surrounding area by yourself.

Day 6 (Sun) Puerto Natales Fly to Punta Arenas in Patagonia and take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt).

Day 7 (Mon) Torres del Paine Tour to Torres del Paine National Park with optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion (2 nts).

Day 8 (Tue) Torres del Paine Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.

Day 9 (Wed) Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).

Day 10 (Thu) El Calafate Transfer to El Calafate in Argentina* (3 nts).

Day 11 (Fri) El Calafate Tour to Perito Moreno glacier.

Day 12 (Sat) El Calafate Optional Estancia Cristina excursion.

Day 13 (Sun) Buenos Aires Fly to Buenos Aires (2 nts).

Day 14 (Mon) Buenos Aires Optional Historic Buenos Aires and Tango Dinner Show excursions.

Day 15 (Tue) Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 16 (Wed) Arrival in the UK.

See page 59 for details of Lake District optional excursion.

It may be possible to add extra nights in Buenos Aires, and visit Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay. Please ask us for details.

*The coach to El Calafate is on a public service. See page 58 for details.



Hotel Cumbres Puerto Varas

PUERTO VARAS HOTELS

HOTEL SOLACE

Close to the town centre and the lake shore, a hotel with great lake and volcano views. There is a restaurant and bar. Comfortable, large rooms with good en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 76%
Service 78%
Location 84%

HOTEL CUMBRES PUERTO VARAS

On the lake shore, with a small pool, spa, restaurant and bar. The spacious rooms have air conditioning, heating and en-suite bathrooms. All have lake and volcano views.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 89%
Service 93%
Location 93%



Hotel Solace, Puerto Varas



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

Best of Argentina and Chile + Lake District (11 nights)

| Date of departure | Price |
|------------------------|-------|
| 24 January 2023 | 4729 |
| 31 January 2023 | 4779 |
| 7 February 2023 | 4779 |
| 21 February 2023 | 4779 |
| 14 March 2023 | 4729 |
| 28 March 2023 | 4679 |
| 31 October 2023 | 4479 |
| 7 November 2023 | 4529 |
| 14 November 2023 | 4529 |
| 21 November 2023 | 4529 |
| 9 January 2024 | 4479 |
| 16 January 2024 | 4479 |
| 30 January 2024 | 4529 |
| 6 February 2024 | 4529 |
| 20 February 2024 | 4529 |
| 27 February 2024 | 4529 |
| 12 March 2024 | 4479 |
| 26 March 2024 | 4429 |
| 2023 single supplement | 1250 |
| 2024 single supplement | 1310 |

Prices from Heathrow, regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Santiago | Plaza San Francisco |
| Puerto Varas | Hotel Solace |
| Puerto Natales | Hotel Remota |
| Torres del Paine | Hotel Rio Serrano* |
| El Calafate | Calafate Parque |
| Buenos Aires | NH Lancaster |

* For upgrade to Superior room in Rio Serrano, add £120 (£240 single)

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

Superior hotels Supplement

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Santiago | Cumbres Las. | £50 (£100 single) |
| P. Varas | Cumbres | £80 (£160 single) |
| Calafate | Xelena* | £150 (£300 single) |
| B. Aires | Sofitel | £100 (£200 single) |

Special Offer*: Upgrade in Santiago, Puerto Varas El Calafate and Buenos Aires for only **£299 (£599 single)**

* Hotel & upgrade package vary for March 2023 departures. Please ask for details

Optional Excursions (see pages 58-9)

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|-----------------------|------|
| Vineyard & Valparaiso | £180 |
| Estancia Cristina | £270 |
| Historic Buenos Aires | £65 |
| Tango Dinner Show | £110 |
| Osorno Volcano & Hike | £220 |

Special Offer:
All 5 excursions above for just **£769**

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| Santiago Walking Tour | £40 |
| Boat to Grey Glacier | £130 |
| Las Torres Trek | £170 |
| Hike to Lake Sarmiento | £95 |
| Torres del Paine Horse Riding | £120 |
| Colonial Uruguay | £330 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

TIERRA DEL FUEGO

SANTIAGO PATAGONIA PUERTO Natales TORRES DEL PAINE
 EL CALAFATE PERITO MORENO GLACIER TIERRA DEL FUEGO BUENOS AIRES
 17 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS FROM £4849



HOTELS IN USHUAIA

HOTEL CILENE DEL FARO



Located in the centre of Ushuaia, with wonderful views of the Beagle Channel and the Andes. There is a spa with pool and sauna. The rooms feature kitchenettes and en-suite bathrooms.

HOTEL LOS CAUQUENES



A beautiful hotel on the Beagle Channel, 20 minutes from Ushuaia, with wonderful mountain views. There is a small indoor pool, spa, restaurant and bar. The well-appointed rooms have heating and en-suite bathrooms.



Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse



Stay in Ushuaia, on Tierra del Fuego, the southernmost city in the world

Visiting the island of Tierra Del Fuego is to travel to the end of the world. Ushuaia is located on the Beagle Channel, with jagged peaks, glaciers and forests rising up behind the city. The city was founded in 1884 by an English missionary, and the English influence is still visible. A boat ride on the Beagle Channel is a chance to

see this wonderful landscape and some of the wildlife, including sea lions and penguins. Then, perhaps explore the national park, with lakes, mountains, rivers and valleys, a great place for walking and for birdwatching.

Customer Rating for Tierra Del Fuego

Overall 89%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

Day 2 (Fri) Santiago Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).

Day 3 (Sat) Santiago Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.

Day 4 (Sun) Puerto Natales Fly to Punta Arenas in Patagonia and take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt). On some dates flights go directly to Puerto Natales.

Day 5 (Mon) Torres del Paine Tour to Torres del Paine with optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion (2 nts).

Day 6 (Tue) Torres del Paine Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.

Day 7 (Wed) Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).

Day 8 (Thu) El Calafate Transfer to El Calafate in Argentina* (3 nts).

Day 9 (Fri) El Calafate Tour to Perito Moreno glacier.

Day 10 (Sat) El Calafate Optional Estancia Cristina excursion.

Day 11 (Sun) Ushuaia Fly to Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego (3 nts).

Day 12 (Mon) Ushuaia Take a catamaran trip on the Beagle Channel, with views of the coastal mountains and islands. Sail to a sea lion colony and a penguin colony. You may also see several species of sea birds, including albatrosses. This trip can take place in either the morning or afternoon. In April, the penguin colony is not visited.

Day 13 (Tue) Ushuaia Free day in Ushuaia. Perhaps visit the national park, take a ride on the southernmost train in the world or visit the historic Estancia Harberton.

Day 14 (Wed) Buenos Aires Fly to Buenos Aires (2 nts).

Day 15 (Thu) Buenos Aires Optional Historic Buenos Aires excursion and optional Tango Dinner Show.

Day 16 (Fri) Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 17 (Sat) Arrival in the UK.

It may be possible to add extra nights in Buenos Aires and visit Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay. Please ask us for details.

*The coach to El Calafate is on a public service. See page 58 for details.



Sail to a sea lion colony near Ushuaia



Spot penguins in the Beagle Channel

CAPE HORN CRUISE

PATAGONIA CRUISE SANTIAGO PUERTO NATALES TORRES DEL PAINE
EL CALAFATE PERITO MORENO GLACIER TIERRA DEL FUEGO BUENOS AIRES
20 DAYS / 17 NIGHTS FROM £6599



Take a zodiac excursion to visit glaciers and waterfalls

Southern Patagonia offers some of the most spectacular views of anywhere in the world, and this expedition cruise allows you to visit the inaccessible fjords and glaciers, as well as Cape Horn, the most southerly landmass outside of Antarctica. The ship cruises from

Ushuaia on Tierra del Fuego in Argentina to Punta Arenas in Chile. Guided excursions and on board lectures are included. In addition to the incredible views, the wildlife of Patagonia is impressive, including penguins, sea lions and many sea birds.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) - Day 11 (Sun) Follow itinerary on page 62.

Day 12 (Mon) Ushuaia Enjoy a free day to further explore Ushuaia and the Tierra del Fuego archipelago.

Day 13 (Tue) Cape Horn Cruise Check in for your cruise, departing in the evening and enjoying dinner on board.

Day 14 (Wed) Cape Horn & Wulaia Bay Cruise across Nassau Bay into a remote archipelago and go ashore on the windswept island that harbours Cape Horn. Later, anchor at the dramatic Wulaia Bay. Visit the museum to learn about the indigenous Yámana people, followed by a choice of hikes around the bay, enjoying the Patagonian fauna. During the night, re-enter the Beagle Channel, sailing through Glacier Alley.

Day 15 (Thu) Pia & Garibaldi Glaciers In the morning, the ship enters Pia Fjord. Set off in zodiacs to the Pia Glacier. After a zodiac landing, take a short walk to admire the glacier, or a longer, more difficult walk up the lateral moraine of the old Pia Glacier. Later, anchor is dropped near the Garibaldi Glacier. The zodiac excursion to Garibaldi involves a stunning but demanding hike through virgin magellanic forest to a glacial waterfall, with fabulous views along the way. Alternatively, make your way to the upper levels of the ship to enjoy the views of the fjord and glacier.

Day 16 (Fri) De Agostini Sound Arrive in the scenic De Agostini Sound, named after an Italian priest who worked with the region's indigenous people. The sound is flanked by glaciers and saw-toothed peaks. After a zodiac landing, walk around a glacial lagoon close to the frozen base of the great Águila Glacier. Birdlife, sometimes including condors, can be seen flying high above the beautiful sub-Antarctic rainforest found here.

Day 17 (Sat) Magdalena Island & Buenos Aires In the early morning, weather permitting, disembark on Magdalena Island, home to a colony of Magellanic penguins and many other bird species. In September and April, when the penguins are not on Magdalena, the morning excursion takes guests to Marta Island to observe the South American sea lions. You arrive in Punta Arenas in Chile in the late morning. Fly to Buenos Aires, via Santiago, arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel (2 nts).

Day 18 (Sun) Buenos Aires Optional Historic Buenos Aires excursion and optional Tango Dinner Show.

Day 19 (Mon) Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 20 (Tue) Arrival in the UK.

As the boats sail on different days each week, additional or fewer nights may be required in Ushuaia. Please ask us for exact details for the dates you are interested in.

THE CRUCEROS AUSTRALIS SHIPS



An A Cabin on the Stella Australis

The Stella Australis and Ventus Australis are 100-cabin expedition ships built specifically for cruising Patagonia. Both ships are similar and have a restaurant, bar, gym, open deck, a shop and first aid centre. All meals and drinks, including alcoholic drinks, are included. Guides give lectures on board throughout the day and in the evenings. All cabins are spacious with heating and large outward facing windows, and en-suite shower rooms. A cabins are on the lowest deck. AA and AAA cabins are located on the higher decks, offering better views. AA and AAA superior cabins are located in the centre of their respective decks and have full height window. Our prices are based on A cabins, as the 3 cheapest B cabins fill quickly so are usually unavailable. The ships cruise on alternate weeks, so ask us if you are interested in a specific ship.

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Date of departure | Best of Argentina & Chile + Tierra del Fuego (14 nights) | | Best of Argentina & Chile + Cape Horn Cruise (16 nights) | |
|--------------------|--|-------|--|-------|
| | Price | Price | Price | Price |
| 26 January 2023 | 5149 | 8249 | | |
| 2 February 2023 | 5199 | 8149 | | |
| 9 February 2023 | 5199 | 8149 | | |
| 23 February 2023 | 5199 | 8249 | | |
| 16 March 2023 | 5149 | 7299 | | |
| 30 March 2023 | 5099 | 6699 | | |
| 2 November 2023 | 4899 | 8299 | | |
| 9 November 2023 | 4949 | 8349 | | |
| 16 November 2023 | 4949 | 8399 | | |
| 23 November 2023 | 4949 | 8449 | | |
| 11 January 2024 | 4899 | 8399 | | |
| 18 January 2024 | 4899 | 8449 | | |
| 1 February 2024 | 4949 | 8349 | | |
| 8 February 2024 | 4949 | 8399 | | |
| 22 February 2024 | 4949 | 8299 | | |
| 29 February 2024 | 4949 | 8349 | | |
| 14 March 2024 | 4899 | 7599 | | |
| 28 March 2024 | 4849 | 6599 | | |
| Single supplement* | 1400 | 2200 | | |

*Single supplement varies. Call us or see our website

Prices from Heathrow, regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Santiago | Plaza San Francisco |
| Puerto Natales | Hotel Remota |
| Torres del Paine | Hotel Rio Serrano* |
| El Calafate | Calafate Parque |
| Ushuaia | Cilene de Faro † |
| Buenos Aires | NH Lancaster |

* For upgrade to Superior room in Rio Serrano, add £120 (£240 single)

† Los Cauqueses for Mar, Apr 2023 departures

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

Superior hotels* Supplement

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|------|---------------|
| Santiago | Cumbres Las. | £50 | (£100 single) |
| Calafate | Xelena | £150 | (£300 single) |
| Ushuaia | Cauqueses** | £150 | (£300 single) |
| B.Aires | Sofitel | £100 | (£200 single) |

Special Offer: Upgrade in Santiago, El Calafate, Ushuaia and Buenos Aires for only **£359** (£719 single)**

*Hotel & upgrade package prices vary. Please ask for details

**For stays in Mar, Apr 2023, there is no supplement for Los Cauqueses, Ushuaia

Optional Excursions (see pages 59-60)

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Vineyard & Valparaiso | £180 |
| Estancia Cristina | £270 |
| Historic Buenos Aires | £65 |
| Tango Dinner Show | £110 |

Special Offer:
All 4 excursions above for just **£569**

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|-------------------------------|------|
| Santiago Walking Tour | £40 |
| Boat to Grey Glacier | £130 |
| Las Torres Trek | £170 |
| Hike to Lake Sarmiento | £95 |
| Torres del Paine Horse Riding | £120 |
| Colonial Uruguay | £330 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

IGUAZU FALLS

SANTIAGO PATAGONIA PUERTO NATALES TORRES DEL PAINE
EL CALAFATE PERITO MORENO GLACIER BUENOS AIRES IGUAZU FALLS

17 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS FROM £4549



PUERTO IGUAZU HOTELS

MERCURE IGUAZU, PUERTO IGUAZU

Situated amidst the jungle foliage, the Mercure provides well-appointed en-suite rooms in a natural setting. There is a pool, bar, restaurant and gym.

LOI SUITES, PUERTO IGUAZU

A beautiful hotel surrounded by jungle, just 15 minutes from Iguazu Falls. There is a spa, sauna, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and lounge area. The air conditioned rooms are comfortable with WiFi and en-suite bathrooms.

HOTEL MELIA, IGUAZU FALLS

In the national park, with views of the falls, this hotel has beautiful grounds, a pool, gym, spa, restaurant and bar. The comfortable rooms are well appointed with air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. Superior rooms with views towards the falls are also available.

See pages 54-55 for more hotel photos.



Get an exclusive view of the falls from Hotel Melia's pool



See toucans and other wildlife in the National Park



Listen to the thunderous sound of the falls



Walk along platforms to admire the falls from all angles

Straddling the border of Argentina and Brazil, the Iguazu Falls are possibly the most spectacular waterfalls in the world. They stretch for a mile and a half through sub-tropical forest, with over 270 falls up to 80 metres tall. Follow the trails along the edge of the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls, and take in the spectacular panoramic views. On the Argentinian

side of the falls, explore the upper and lower circuit of the walkways, where you can get up close to the waterfall base and feel the spray. Looking down upon the turbulent waters of the horseshoe Devil's Throat waterfall is an unforgettable sight.

Customer Rating for Iguazu Falls

Overall 88%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

Day 2 (Fri) Santiago Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).

Day 3 (Sat) Santiago Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.

Day 4 (Sun) Puerto Natales Fly to Punta Arenas in Patagonia and take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt). On some dates flights go directly to Puerto Natales.

Day 5 (Mon) Torres del Paine Tour to Torres del Paine National Park with optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion (2 nts).

Day 6 (Tue) Torres del Paine Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.

Day 7 (Wed) Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).

Day 8 (Thu) El Calafate Transfer to El Calafate in Argentina* (3 nts).

Day 9 (Fri) El Calafate Tour to Perito Moreno glacier.

Day 10 (Sat) El Calafate Optional Estancia Cristina excursion.

Day 11 (Sun) Buenos Aires Fly to Buenos Aires (3 nts).

Day 12 (Mon) Buenos Aires Optional Historic Buenos Aires and Tango Dinner Show excursions.

Day 13 (Tue) Buenos Aires Free day in Buenos Aires. Optional Colonial Uruguay excursion.

Day 14 (Wed) Puerto Iguazu Fly to Puerto Iguazu, located on the Argentinian side of the border (2 nts). An afternoon visit to the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls, from where you can appreciate the grandeur of the falls.

Day 15 (Thu) Puerto Iguazu A free day to explore the Argentinian side of the falls by yourself. Follow the walkways, seeing the falls from above and below, or take a boat trip to the base of the falls. For a guided tour, take the optional Argentinian Iguazu Falls excursion.

Day 16 (Fri) Fly to the UK via Sao Paulo.

Day 17 (Sat) Arrival in the UK.

*The coach from Puerto Natales to El Calafate is on a public service. See page 58.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

ARGENTINIAN IGUAZU FALLS

Take the visitors' train to the one-kilometre walkway over the River Iguazu, where you see the mighty Devil's Throat falls from above. You then see the billowing falls from above and below on a series of upper and lower circuits. The tour lasts about 4 hours. You have some free time to explore the trails by yourself, or you can also take an optional, thrilling (and drenching) boat ride to the falls' base.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 94%



Explore the Iguazu Falls from both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides

RIO & IGUAZU FALLS

SANTIAGO PATAGONIA PUERTO NATALES TORRES DEL PAINE CALAFATE

PERITO MORENO GLACIER BUENOS AIRES IGUAZU FALLS RIO DE JANEIRO

20 DAYS / 17 NIGHTS FROM £5049



Visit Ipanema Beach, one of Rio de Janeiro's iconic settings

End your holiday to Chile and Argentina with a flourish with a trip to the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. Beautifully located with lush tropical forest rolling onto the white beaches of the Atlantic Ocean,

Rio has one of the most stunning settings for a city anywhere in the world. Enjoy the bustling life on Copacabana and Ipanema beaches and dance to the rhythms of the samba, perhaps visiting a samba show.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

Day 2 (Fri) Santiago Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).

Day 3 (Sat) Santiago Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.

Day 4 (Sun) Puerto Natales Fly to Punta Arenas in Patagonia and take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt). On some dates flights go directly to Puerto Natales.

Day 5 (Mon) Torres del Paine Tour to Torres del Paine National Park with optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion (2 nts).

Day 6 (Tue) Torres del Paine Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.

Day 7 (Wed) Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).

Day 8 (Thu) El Calafate Transfer to El Calafate in Argentina* (3 nts).

Day 9 (Fri) El Calafate Tour to Perito Moreno glacier.

Day 10 (Sat) El Calafate Optional Estancia Cristina excursion.

Day 11 (Sun) Buenos Aires Fly to Buenos Aires (3 nts).

Day 12 (Mon) Buenos Aires Optional Historic Buenos Aires and Tango Dinner Show excursions.

Day 13 (Tue) Buenos Aires Free day in Buenos Aires. Optional Colonial Uruguay excursion.

Day 14 (Wed) Puerto Iguazu Fly to Puerto Iguazu, then visit the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls (2 nts).

Day 15 (Thu) Puerto Iguazu A free day to explore the Argentinian side of the falls by yourself, or take the optional Argentinian Iguazu Falls excursion.

Day 16 (Fri) Rio Fly to Rio de Janeiro (3 nts).

Day 17 (Sat) Rio Take the optional full-day Iconic Rio excursion that visits the Sugarloaf and Christ the Redeemer or explore Rio in your own time.

Day 18 (Sun) Rio Optional Santa Teresa excursion to explore the most beautiful part of the city. Alternatively, soak up the sun on the world famous Copacabana or Ipanema beaches. Near Rio is the Tijuca National Park, covered in lush tropical forest and abundant with wildlife.

Day 19 (Mon) Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 20 (Tue) Arrival in the UK.

*The coach to El Calafate is on a public service without a guide. See page 58 for details.

If you would like to see more of Brazil, you can extend your stay in Rio or visit Paraty or the Pantanal Wetlands. See pages 56 - 57 for details.



Visit Christ the Redeemer, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World

HOTELS IN RIO

For full details of Rio hotels, see pages 54-55.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

For full details of the Iconic Rio and Santa Teresa optional excursions, see page 55.

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| | Best of Argentina & Chile + Iguazu Falls (14 nights) | Best of Argentina & Chile + Rio & Iguazu Falls (17 nights) |
|--------------------|--|--|
| 26 January 2023 | 4849 | 5349 |
| 2 February 2023 | 4899 | - |
| 9 February 2023 | 4899 | - |
| 23 February 2023 | 4899 | 5399 |
| 16 March 2023 | 4849 | 5349 |
| 30 March 2023 | 4799 | 5299 |
| 2 November 2023 | 4599 | 5099 |
| 9 November 2023 | 4649 | 5149 |
| 16 November 2023 | 4649 | 5149 |
| 23 November 2023 | 4649 | 5149 |
| 11 January 2024 | 4599 | 5099 |
| 18 January 2024 | 4599 | 5099 |
| 1 February 2024 | 4649 | - |
| 8 February 2024 | 4649 | 5149 |
| 22 February 2024 | 4649 | 5149 |
| 29 February 2024 | 4649 | 5149 |
| 14 March 2024 | 4599 | 5099 |
| 28 March 2024 | 4549 | 5049 |
| Single supplement* | 1280 | 1500 |

*Single supplement varies. Call us or see our website for the date you are interested in

Prices from Heathrow, regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Santiago | Plaza San Francisco |
| Puerto Natales | Hotel Remota |
| Torres del Paine | Hotel Rio Serrano* |
| El Calafate | Calafate Parque |
| Buenos Aires | NH Lancaster |
| Iguazu | Hotel Mercure |
| Rio | Novotel Rio Leme |

* For upgrade to Superior room in Rio Serrano, add £120 (£240 single)

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

Superior hotels* Supplement

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Santiago | Cumbres Las. | £50 (£100 single) |
| Calafate | Xelena | £150 (£300 single) |
| B.Aires | Sofitel | £150 (£300 single) |
| Iguazu | Loi Suites | £120 (£240 single) |
| | Melia | £200 (£400 single) |
| Rio | California | £75 (£150 single) |

Iguazu Falls Special Offer: Upgrade in Santiago, El Calafate, Buenos Aires and Iguazu (Loi Suites) for only **£379** (£759 single)*

Rio & Iguazu Falls Special Offer: Upgrade in Santiago, El Calafate, Buenos Aires, Iguazu (Loi Suites) and Rio for only **£439** (£879 single)*

* Hotel & package prices vary throughout the year. Ask for details

Optional Excursions (see pages 55, 59-60)

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|-----------------------|------|
| Vineyard & Valparaiso | £180 |
| Estancia Cristina | £270 |
| Historic Buenos Aires | £65 |
| Tango Dinner Show | £110 |

Iguazu Falls Special Offer: All 4 excursions above for just **£569**

Iconic Rio **£240**

Rio & Iguazu Falls Special Offer: All 5 excursions above for just **£749**

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Santiago Walking Tour | £40 |
| Boat to Grey Glacier | £130 |
| Las Torres Trek | £170 |
| Hike to Lake Sarmiento | £95 |
| Torres del Paine Horse Riding | £120 |
| Colonial Uruguay | £330 |
| Argentinian Iguazu Falls | £100 |
| Santa Teresa | £60 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

ATACAMA DESERT

ATACAMA DESERT PATAGONIA SANTIAGO PUERTO NATALES
TORRES DEL PAINE EL CALAFATE PERITO MORENO GLACIER BUENOS AIRES
18 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS FROM £5399



Explore the unusual sand formations of Atacama Desert's Valley of the Moon

The Atacama Desert, the driest desert in the world, offers an incredible contrast to the glaciers of Patagonia. The town of San Pedro de Atacama has been inhabited since the 15th century, and there are numerous archaeological sites in the area. However, it is the natural attractions which are most impressive. The town, with views of the perfect volcanic cone of

5,900 metre-high Licancabur, makes a perfect base for exploring the surrounding desert. Visit the spectacular Valley of the Moon, the incredible Atacama Salt Flats, the dramatic Altiplanic Lagoons and the beautiful El Tatio geysers, at 4,300 metres above sea level.

Customer Rating for Atacama Desert

Overall 98%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sun) Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

Day 2 (Mon) Santiago Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).

Day 3 (Tue) Santiago Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.

Day 4 (Wed) Atacama Fly to Calama and then transfer to San Pedro de Atacama, high in the desert at 2,400 metres above sea level. In the afternoon, visit the Valley of the Moon, a dramatic lunar landscape of barren hills and plains. Climb a sand dune to watch the colours of the surrounding mountains change from gold to red as the sun sets (3 nts).

Day 5 (Thu) Atacama After breakfast, drive to the Atacama Salt Lake, where the salt crystals stretch out for miles and flamingos gather to nest. Drive through the Andes to the beautiful Altiplanic Lagoons of Miscanti and Miñique, stopping on the way to appreciate the panoramic views. At 4,500 metres above sea level, the lagoons are located in a stunning landscape of mountains and volcanoes, with unique flora and fauna. Walk along the lagoon shores before continuing to the town of Socaire for lunch, where a traditional farming lifestyle still thrives.

Day 6 (Fri) Atacama A 4am start for a 90-minute bumpy drive to the El Tatio geysers. At 4,300 metres above sea level, these are some of the highest geysers in the world, and the water and steam jets create an incredible sight in the early morning light. You have breakfast here before visiting the village of Machuca, where ancient llama caravans used to rest. You return to San Pedro in time for lunch.

Day 7 (Sat) Santiago Transfer to Calama for your evening flight to Santiago, where you stay in an airport hotel (1 nt).

Day 8 (Sun) Puerto Natales Fly over the Southern Patagonian

Ice Field to Punta Arenas, and transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt). On some dates flights go directly to Puerto Natales.

Day 9 (Mon) Torres del Paine Tour to Torres del Paine National Park with optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion (2 nts).

Day 10 (Tue) Torres del Paine Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.

Day 11 (Wed) Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).

Day 12 (Thu) El Calafate Transfer to El Calafate in Argentina* (3 nts).

Day 13 (Fri) El Calafate Tour to Perito Moreno glacier.

Day 14 (Sat) El Calafate Optional Estancia Cristina excursion.

Day 15 (Sun) Buenos Aires Fly to Buenos Aires (2 nts).

Day 16 (Mon) Buenos Aires Optional Historic Buenos Aires and Tango Dinner Show excursions.

Day 17 (Tue) Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 18 (Wed) Arrival in the UK.

Excursions in the Atacama Desert are taken in English and Spanish-speaking groups and may be with tourists of other nationalities. The order of the excursions may change as not all excursions are possible every day

If you stay in the Hotel Tierra Atacama, there is a menu of excursions, so you can choose which excursions you would prefer to take. Not all excursions operate every day.

It may be possible to add extra nights in Buenos Aires and visit Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay. Please ask us for details.

*The coach to El Calafate is on a public service without a guide. See page 58 for details.

HOTELS IN SAN PEDRO

HOTEL ALTIPLANICO



Just outside the town of San Pedro in large grounds, this attractive hotel is constructed from adobe blocks. There is a restaurant, bar and open air unheated pool. The simple rooms are attractively decorated, with en-suite bathrooms and private terraces.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 70%
Service 71%
Location 68%

HOTEL TIERRA ATACAMA



Located 2 kilometres out of San Pedro, this hotel has stunning views across the desert to the volcanoes. There is a good restaurant and bar, a heated indoor pool, an outdoor pool, a jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and spa treatments available. The large, modern rooms have heating and en-suite bathrooms and are decorated with textiles and crafts from the area. All meals and drinks, including wine and beer, are included, as are all excursions.



Spot flamingos on the Atacama Salt Lake

EASTER ISLAND

EASTER ISLAND PATAGONIA SANTIAGO PUERTO NATALES TORRES DEL PAINE
EL CALAFATE PERITO MORENO GLACIER BUENOS AIRES



Find over 800 giant moai statues around Easter Island

Easter Island is the most remote inhabited island in the world, almost 2,200 miles from the coast of Chile. This volcanic island in the South Seas is only 15 miles across at its widest point, but was home to a culture which created over 800 giant stone statues. The largest

of these weighs 86 tons. This holiday allows you to see the moai around the island, as well as explore the volcanic craters and relax on the sandy beaches.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sun) Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

Day 2 (Mon) Santiago Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).

Day 3 (Tue) Santiago Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.

Day 4 (Wed) Easter Island Take a 5-hour flight to Easter Island. Experience a traditional reception with flower necklaces before transferring to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore (3 nts).

Day 5 (Thu) Easter Island Drive along the coastal road, to Rano Raraku, a volcanic crater which served as a quarry and supplied the stone for the island's moai. Almost 400 moai are still found in this area. Climb the volcano to the restored Ahu Tongariki, with 15 moai, including the largest on the island. After a packed lunch, continue to Anakena Beach, a white coral sandy beach where you can swim in the Pacific.

Day 6 (Fri) Easter Island Drive to the Rano Kau volcano, the ceremonial centre of Orongo and the birdman cult, where an annual race was held to bring back the first sooty tern egg from a nearby islet. There are also many petroglyphs here. In the afternoon, visit Ahu Akivi, an unusual site where 7 moai face the ocean, not inland.

Day 7 (Sat) Santiago Fly to Santiago, and stay in an airport hotel (1 nt).

Day 8 (Sun) Puerto Natales Fly to Puerto Natales in Patagonia, or to Punta Arenas and take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt).

Day 9 (Mon) Torres del Paine Tour to Torres del Paine National Park with optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion (2 nts).

Day 10 (Tue) Torres del Paine Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.

Day 11 (Wed) Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).

Day 12 (Thu) El Calafate Transfer to El Calafate in Argentina* (3 nts).

Day 13 (Fri) El Calafate Excursion to Perito Moreno glacier.

Day 14 (Sat) El Calafate Optional Estancia Cristina excursion.

Day 15 (Sun) Buenos Aires Fly to Buenos Aires (2 nts).

Day 16 (Mon) Buenos Aires Optional Historic Buenos Aires and Tango Dinner Show excursions.

Day 17 (Tue) Overnight flight to the UK.

Day 18 (Wed) Arrival in the UK.

It may be possible to add extra nights in Buenos Aires and visit Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay. Please ask us for details.

*The coach to El Calafate is on a public service without a guide. See page 58 for details.



The statues all glare inland



Rano Kau was one of the three volcanoes that formed the island



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

Best of Argentina & Chile + Atacama Desert
(15 nights)

| Date of departure | Price |
|-------------------|-------|
| 22 January 2023 | 5699 |
| 29 January 2023 | 5749 |
| 5 February 2023 | 5749 |
| 19 February 2023 | 5749 |
| 12 March 2023 | 5699 |
| 26 March 2023 | 5649 |
| 29 October 2023 | 5449 |
| 5 November 2023 | 5499 |
| 12 November 2023 | 5499 |
| 19 November 2023 | 5499 |
| 7 January 2024 | 5449 |
| 14 January 2024 | 5449 |
| 28 January 2024 | 5499 |
| 4 February 2024 | 5499 |
| 18 February 2024 | 5499 |
| 25 February 2024 | 5499 |
| 10 March 2024 | 5449 |
| 24 March 2024 | 5399 |
| Single supplement | 1380 |

Prices from Heathrow, regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Santiago | Plaza San Francisco |
| Puerto Natales | Hotel Remota |
| Atacama Desert | Hotel Altiplanico |
| Torres del Paine | Hotel Rio Serrano* |
| El Calafate | Calafate Parque |
| Buenos Aires | NH Lancaster |

*For upgrade to Superior room in Rio Serrano, add £120 (£240 single)

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

| Superior hotels* | Supplement |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Santiago CumbresLast** | £50 (£100 single) |
| Calafate Xelena | £150 (£300 single) |
| B.Aires Sofitel | £100 (£200 single) |

Special Offers: Upgrade in Santiago, El Calafate and Buenos Aires for only £249 (£499 single)**

*Hotel & package vary. Ask for details

**Santiago upgrade is for first two nights only

Ask us for details of upgrades in Atacama

Optional Excursions

See pages 59 - 60 for excursions

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

CALL US TO ENQUIRE ABOUT EASTER ISLAND

At the time of printing this brochure, flights to Easter Island are still operating a reduced and unreliable service following covid. We hope that service will return to normal soon, but until there is a more consistent schedule we are not able to operate the Easter Island extension.

If you are interested in travelling to Easter Island, please call us about the latest situation.

TWO OR MORE EXTENSIONS

19 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS FROM £5279

If you cannot choose between our extensions, and want to take more than one, you can take one of the following extended holidays. These combine our Best of Argentina and Chile holiday, described on page 58, with two of our extensions (pages 61 to 67).

The itineraries listed offer a basic outline of the holidays. Details of each day can be found under the relevant sections earlier in the brochure.

In addition to the three holidays on these pages, you can also make your own holiday combining two other extensions, or even create a longer holiday by combining three or more extensions. It is also possible to combine your Argentina and Chile trip with Brazil extensions to Paraty or the Pantanal (see page 56 - 57 for details). Call us to discuss your requirements.



Feel the thundering spray of Iguazu Falls

BEST OF ARGENTINA & CHILE

PLUS

LAKE DISTRICT + TIERRA DEL FUEGO

- Day 1 (Tue)** Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.
- Day 2 (Wed)** Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).
- Day 3 (Thu)** Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.
- Day 4 (Fri)** Fly to the heart of the Chilean Lake District, and transfer to Puerto Varas (2 nts) on the shores of Lago Llanquihue, with views of the beautiful snow-capped Osorno volcano (2 nts).
- Day 5 (Sat)** Free day in Puerto Varas. Take the optional Osorno Volcano & Hike excursion or the Lake District Kayaking excursion, or explore the surrounding area by yourself.
- Day 6 (Sun)** Fly over the Southern Patagonian Ice Field to Punta Arenas in Patagonia, and take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt).
- Day 7 (Mon)** Drive to Torres del Paine and take a full-day tour, exploring one of the world's great national parks. Optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion during the tour (2 nts).
- Day 8 (Tue)** Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.
- Day 9 (Wed)** Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).
- Day 10 (Thu)** Transfer from Puerto Natales to El Calafate in Argentina (3 nts).
- Day 11 (Fri)** Tour to the Perito Moreno Glacier, part of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field.
- Day 12 (Sat)** Optional Estancia Cristina & Los Glaciares National Park excursion.
- Day 13 (Sun)** Fly to Ushuaia on Tierra del Fuego (3 nights).
- Day 14 (Mon)** Take a catamaran trip on the Beagle Channel, with wonderful views of the coastal mountains and islands. You sail to a sea lion colony and a penguin colony.
- Day 15 (Tue)** Free day in Ushuaia, perhaps explore the national park.
- Day 16 (Wed)** Afternoon flight to Buenos Aires (2 nts).
- Day 17 (Thu)** Optional Historic Buenos Aires and Tango Dinner Show excursions.
- Day 18 (Fri)** Overnight flight to the UK.
- Day 19 (Sat)** Arrive in the UK.

BEST OF ARGENTINA & CHILE

PLUS

LAKE DISTRICT + RIO & IGUAZU FALLS

- Day 1 (Tue)** Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.
- Day 2 (Wed)** Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).
- Day 3 (Thu)** Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.
- Day 4 (Fri)** Fly to Puerto Varas, in the heart of the Chilean Lake District (2 nts).
- Day 5 (Sat)** Free day in Puerto Varas. Take the optional Osorno Volcano & Hike excursion, or explore the surrounding area by yourself.
- Day 6 (Sun)** Fly over the Southern Patagonian Ice Field to Punta Arenas in Patagonia, and take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt).
- Day 7 (Mon)** Drive to Torres del Paine and take a full-day tour, exploring one of the world's great national parks. Optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion during the tour (2 nts).
- Day 8 (Tue)** Free day to explore or take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.
- Day 9 (Wed)** Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).
- Day 10 (Thu)** Transfer from Puerto Natales to El Calafate in Argentina (3 nts).
- Day 11 (Fri)** Tour to the Perito Moreno Glacier, part of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field.
- Day 12 (Sat)** Optional Estancia Cristina & Los Glaciares National Park excursion.
- Day 13 (Sun)** Fly to Buenos Aires (3 nts).
- Day 14 (Mon)** Optional Historic Buenos Aires and Tango Dinner Show excursions.
- Day 15 (Tue)** Free day in Buenos Aires. Optional Colonial Uruguay excursion.
- Day 16 (Wed)** Fly to Puerto Iguazu, and then take a tour of the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls (2 nts).
- Day 17 (Thu)** Optional Argentinian Iguazu Falls excursion, or free day to explore the falls.
- Day 18 (Fri)** Fly to Rio de Janeiro (3 nts).
- Day 19 (Sat)** Optional Iconic Rio excursion, visiting the Sugarloaf & Christ the Redeemer.
- Day 20 (Sun)** Optional Santa Teresa excursion.
- Day 21 (Mon)** Overnight flight to the UK.
- Day 22 (Tue)** Arrival in the UK.



BEST OF ARGENTINA & CHILE

PLUS
ATACAMA DESERT + RIO & IGUAZU FALLS

Day 1 (Sun) Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

Day 2 (Mon) Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).

Day 3 (Tue) Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.

Day 4 (Fri) Fly to Calama, then transfer to San Pedro de Atacama (3 nts). Visit the Valley of the Moon.

Day 5 (Sat) Visit to the Atacama Salt Lake, and the Altiplanic Lagoons of Miscanti and Miñique. Walk along the lagoon shores before continuing to Socaire for lunch.

Day 6 (Sun) Early start to see the spectacular El Tatio geysers. Visit the village of Machuca before returning to San Pedro for a relaxing afternoon.

Day 7 (Sat) Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Santiago, where you stay at the airport hotel (1 nt).

Day 8 (Sun) Fly over the Southern Patagonian Ice Field to Puerto Natales in Patagonia or to Punta Arenas and take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt).

Day 9 (Mon) Tour to Torres del Paine National Park, with optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion (2 nts).

Day 10 (Tue) Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.

Day 11 (Wed) Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning

in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).

Day 12 (Thu) Transfer to El Calafate in Argentina (3 nts).

Day 13 (Fri) Excursion to Perito Moreno glacier.

Day 14 (Sat) Optional Estancia Cristina & Los Glaciares National Park excursion.

Day 15 (Sun) Fly to Buenos Aires (3 nts).

Day 16 (Mon) Optional Historic Buenos Aires and Tango Dinner Show excursions.

Day 17 (Tue) Optional Colonial Uruguay excursion.

Day 18 (Wed) Fly to Puerto Iguazu, then take a tour of the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls (2 nts).

Day 19 (Thu) Optional Argentinian Iguazu Falls excursion, or free day to explore the falls.

Day 20 (Fri) Fly to Rio de Janeiro (3 nts).

Day 21 (Sat) Optional Iconic Rio excursion visiting the Sugarloaf and Christ the Redeemer.

Day 22 (Sun) Optional Santa Teresa excursion.

Day 23 (Mon) Overnight flight to the UK.

Day 24 (Tue) Arrival in the UK.



Enjoy a tango show in Buenos Aires



Visit the Museu do Amanhã in Rio de Janeiro



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| | Best of Argentina & Chile + Lake District + Tierra Del Fuego (16 nights) | Best of Argentina & Chile + Lake District + Rio & Iguazu Falls (19 nights) | Best of Argentina & Chile + Atacama Desert + Rio & Iguazu Falls (21 nights) |
|--------------------|---|---|--|
| 22 Jan 2023 | - | - | 6699 |
| 24 Jan 2023 | 5579 | 5729 | - |
| 29 Jan 2023 | - | - | - |
| 31 Jan 2023 | 5629 | - | - |
| 7 Feb 2023 | 5629 | - | - |
| 19 Feb 2023 | - | - | 6749 |
| 21 Feb 2023 | 5629 | 5779 | - |
| 12 Mar 2023 | - | - | 6699 |
| 14 Mar 2023 | 5579 | 5729 | - |
| 26 Mar 2023 | - | - | 6649 |
| 28 Mar 2023 | 5529 | 5679 | - |
| 29 Oct 2023 | - | - | 6449 |
| 31 Oct 2023 | 5329 | 5479 | - |
| 5 Nov 2023 | - | - | 6499 |
| 7 Nov 2023 | 5379 | 5529 | - |
| 12 Nov 2023 | - | - | 6499 |
| 14 Nov 2023 | 5379 | 5529 | - |
| 19 Nov 2023 | - | - | 6499 |
| 21 Nov 2023 | 5379 | 5529 | - |
| 7 Jan 2024 | - | - | 6449 |
| 9 Jan 2024 | 5329 | 5479 | - |
| 14 Jan 2024 | - | - | 6449 |
| 16 Jan 2024 | 5329 | 5479 | - |
| 28 Jan 2024 | - | - | - |
| 30 Jan 2024 | 5379 | - | - |
| 4 Feb 2024 | - | - | 6499 |
| 6 Feb 2024 | 5379 | 5529 | - |
| 18 Feb 2024 | - | - | 6499 |
| 20 Feb 2024 | 5379 | 5529 | - |
| 25 Feb 2024 | - | - | 6499 |
| 27 Feb 2024 | 5379 | 5529 | - |
| 10 Mar 2024 | - | - | 6449 |
| 12 Mar 2024 | 5329 | 5479 | - |
| 24 Mar 2024 | - | - | 6399 |
| 26 Mar 2024 | 5279 | 5429 | - |
| Single supplement* | 1550 | 1650 | 1780 |

Single supplement varies throughout the year. Call us or see website for details

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Santiago | Plaza San Francisco |
| Atacama Desert | Altiplanico |
| Puerto Varas | Hotel Solace |
| Puerto Natales | Hotel Remota |
| Torres del Paine | Hotel Rio Serrano* |
| El Calafate | Calafate Parque |
| Ushuaia | Cilene de Faro † |
| Buenos Aires | NH Lancaster |
| Iguazu | Hotel Mercure |
| Rio | Novotel Rio Leme |

* For upgrade to Superior room in Rio Serrano, add £120 (£240 single)

† Los Cauquenes for 16 Feb - 30 Mar 2023

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

Optional Excursions

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Vineyard & Valparaiso | £180 |
| Estancia Cristina | £270 |
| Historic Buenos Aires | £65 |
| Tango Dinner Show | £110 |

Iguazu Falls Special Offer:
All 4 excursions above for just **£569**

Iconic Rio **£240**

Rio & Iguazu Falls Special Offer:
All 5 excursions above for just **£749**

For other optional excursions in Chile, Argentina and Brazil, see pages 59 - 60

| | Best of Argentina & Chile + Lake District + Tierra Del Fuego | Best of Argentina & Chile + Lake District + Rio & Iguazu Falls | Best of Argentina & Chile + Atacama Desert + Rio & Iguazu Falls |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Superior hotels* | | | |
| Santiago | Cumbres Last** £50 (£100 single) | £50 (£100 single) | £50 (£100 single) |
| Puerto Varas | Hotel Cumbres £80 (£160 single) | £80 (£160 single) | - |
| El Calafate | Xelena** £150 (£300 single) | £150 (£300 single) | £150 (£300 single) |
| Ushuaia | Cauquenes† £150 (£300 single) | - | - |
| Buenos Aires | Sofitel £100 (£200 single) | £150 (£300 single) | £150 (£300 single) |
| Puerto Iguazu | Loi Suites - | £120 (£240 single) | £120 (£240 single) |
| Puerto Iguazu | Melia - | £200 (£400 single) | £200 (£400 single) |
| Rio | California - | £75 (£150 single) | £75 (£150 single) |

Lake District + Tierra Del Fuego Special Offer: Upgrade in Santiago, Puerto Varas, El Calafate, Ushuaia and Buenos Aires for only **£429** (£859 single)**

Lake District + Rio & Iguazu Falls Special Offer: Upgrade in Santiago, Puerto Varas, El Calafate, Buenos Aires, Iguazu (Loi Suites) and Rio for only **£509** (£1019 single)**

Atacama Desert + Rio & Iguazu Falls Special Offer: Upgrade in Santiago, El Calafate, Buenos Aires, Iguazu (Loi Suites) and Rio for only **£439** (£879 single)**

*Hotel and upgrade package prices vary. Please ask for details

**Santiago upgrade is for first two nights only

†For stays between 16 Feb - 30 Mar 2023, there is no supplement for Los Cauquenes, Ushuaia

Prices from Heathrow, for regional departures see p128

Important read pages 129-30 before booking

NATURAL WONDERS OF CHILE

SANTIAGO LAKE DISTRICT PATAGONIA TORRES DEL PAINE

12 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS FROM £3799

HOTELS

PLAZA SAN FRANCISCO, SANTIAGO

Located in the centre of Santiago, this hotel is within walking distance of many tourist attractions. There is a restaurant and gym, and the spacious en-suite rooms have air conditioning.

CUMBRES LASTARRIA, SANTIAGO

A 70 room hotel in a lovely part of Santiago. There is an 8th floor restaurant with great views. Rooms are modern with en-suite bathrooms.

HOTEL SOLACE, PUERTO VARAS

Close to the town centre and the lake shore, a hotel with great views and comfortable, large rooms with good en-suite bathrooms.

HOTEL CUMBRES, PUERTO VARAS

On the lake shore, with spa, restaurant and pool. Spacious rooms have air conditioning, en-suite bathrooms and great views.

HOTEL REMOTA, PUERTO NATALES

A comfortable, modern hotel with a spa, pool, restaurant and garden. Rooms are spacious with en-suite bathrooms and great views over the Last Hope Sound.

HOTEL RIO SERRANO, TORRES DEL PAINE

Well appointed hotel across the River Serrano from the Torres del Paine, with great views. Standard and superior rooms available.

See pages 58 for full details of the Chile hotels, including customer ratings and pictures.



Admire Osorno Volcano in the Chilean Lake District



Discover Santiago, at the foot of the Andes



Spot guanacos in Torres del Paine National Park



Explore Torres del Paine National Park by vehicle or on foot

On this holiday, you visit the natural highlights of Chile. At over 2,700 miles long and barely more than 100 miles wide on average, Chile is a country of spectacular natural scenery. Santiago, the capital, sits at the foot of the Andes, with 6,000 metre-high peaks nearby. Visit the city's excellent museums and historical centre, or visit the nearby vineyards to try some of the high-quality wine.

You then travel to the Lake District, with snow-

capped volcanoes rising over beautiful lakes. Explore the forests or go kayaking on the surrounding waters. Finally, visit southern Patagonia, including the amazing Torres del Paine, one of world's great national parks. You can explore the park by road, or, if you are more adventurous, try the incredible trekking, horse riding or mountain biking.

Customer Rating for Natural Wonders of Chile

Overall  94%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Tue) Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.

Day 2 (Wed) **Santiago** Morning arrival. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nights).

Day 3 (Thu) **Santiago** Free day in Santiago. Take the optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.

Day 4 (Fri) **Puerto Varas** Fly to the heart of the Chilean Lake District, and transfer to Puerto Varas on the shores of Lago Llanquihue, with views of the beautiful snow-capped Osorno volcano. The town has a German feel due to European immigration (2 nights).

Day 5 (Sat) **Puerto Varas** Free day in Puerto Varas. Take the optional full-day Osorno Volcano & Hike excursion, or explore the surrounding area by yourself.

Day 6 (Sun) **Puerto Natales** Fly over the Southern Patagonian Ice Field to Punta Arenas on the Straits of Magellan. Take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales, a small town wonderfully set on the shores of Last Hope Sound, with especially beautiful sunrises (1 night).

Day 7 (Mon) **Torres del Paine** Take a full-day tour of Torres del Paine, exploring one of the world's great national parks. You visit the lagoons, waterfalls, glaciers and mountains by road. The park is dominated by the granite Paine massif, with wonderful views of the towers and horns throughout the park. A packed lunch is included. You visit Lago Grey, where you can walk on the lake shore or take the optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion. You reach your hotel in the late afternoon, where you can enjoy the amazing views (2 nights).

Day 8 (Tue) **Torres del Paine** Free day in Torres del Paine. Take the optional Las Torres Trek or half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento, or explore on your own. You can also

book activities directly in the hotel.

Day 9 (Wed) **Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales** Optional Horse Riding excursion. In the afternoon, return to Puerto Natales by road (1 night).

Day 10 (Thu) **Santiago** A 3-hour public bus to Punta Arenas, then fly to Santiago (1 night). On some dates it is possible to fly from Puerto Natales.

Day 11 (Fri) Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 12 (Sat) Arrival in the UK.



Be rewarded with this spectacular view at the end of the Las Torres Trek



See the sunrise over the Last Hope Sound from Puerto Natales

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

See page 59 for full details of excursions.

SANTIAGO WALKING TOUR

Explore Santiago's main sights on foot. Visit La Moneda and colourful Lastarria. Finish at Santa Lucía hill for panoramic views across Santiago.

VINEYARD & VALPARAISO

A full-day excursion to the 19th century port of Valparaíso. After lunch, visit a vineyard in the Casablanca Valley, before returning to Santiago in the late afternoon.

OSORNO VOLCANO & HIKE

This full-day excursion takes you to the snow-capped Osorno Volcano, then hike through the forest at the foot of the volcano. After lunch, visit Petrohué waterfalls and Lake Todos los Santos.

BOAT TO GREY GLACIER

This excursion takes place during the tour of Torres del Paine. Sail among icebergs before arriving at the

40-metre high glacier, where you can listen to the ice breathe and maybe watch chunks of the glacier crash into the lake.

LAS TORRES TREK

You are driven to the start point of the trail, where you follow the River Ascencio up the valley. Continue through beech forest to a glacial moraine, from where you get wonderful views of the granite towers.

HIKE TO LAKE SARMIENTO

This is the easier of our hiking excursions in Torres del Paine. Walk for three hours on a flatter trail than most in the park, to the Lake Sarmiento, seeing the Paine massif en-route.

TORRES DEL PAINE HORSE RIDING

An incredible two-hour guided horse ride through Magellanic forest and across a lagoon towards the Serrano River. You ride against an extraordinary backdrop of the Torres del Paine massif. Helmets are provided.



Explore the colourful streets of Valparaíso, then taste some of the Chile's excellent wines at a nearby vineyard



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Natural Wonders of Chile (9 nights) | |
|--|------|
| 24 January 2023 | 4099 |
| 31 January 2023 | 4149 |
| 7 February 2023 | 4149 |
| 21 February 2023 | 4149 |
| 14 March 2023 | 4099 |
| 28 March 2023 | 4049 |
| 31 October 2023 | 3999 |
| 7 November 2023 | 3949 |
| 14 November 2023 | 3949 |
| 21 November 2023 | 3949 |
| 9 January 2024 | 3849 |
| 16 January 2024 | 3849 |
| 30 January 2024 | 3849 |
| 6 February 2024 | 3899 |
| 20 February 2024 | 3899 |
| 27 February 2024 | 3899 |
| 12 March 2024 | 3849 |
| 26 March 2024 | 3799 |
| Single supplement | 950 |

Prices from Heathrow, regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Santiago | Plaza San Francisco |
| Puerto Varas | Hotel Solace |
| Puerto Natales | Hotel Remota |
| Torres del Paine | Hotel Rio Serrano* |

* For upgrade to Superior room in Rio Serrano, add £120 (£240 single)

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

Superior hotels Supplement

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|-----|---------------|
| Santiago | Cumbres Last. | £75 | (£150 single) |
| P. Varas | Cumbres | £80 | (£160 single) |

Special Offer:
Upgrade in Santiago and Puerto Varas for only **£109** (£219 single)

| Optional Excursions | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Vineyard & Valparaíso | £180 |
| Osorno Volcano & Hike | £220 |
| Boat to Grey Glacier | £130 |

| Special Offer: | |
|---|------|
| All three above excursions for just £479 | |
| Santiago Walking Tour | £40 |
| Las Torres Trek | £170 |
| Hike to Lake Sarmiento | £95 |
| Torres del Paine Horse Riding | £120 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

NATURAL WONDERS OF CHILE
PLUS
EXTENSIONS

16 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS FROM £5199

You can extend the Natural Wonders of Chile holiday to include a visit to the Atacama Desert, which offers an incredible contrast to the glaciers of Patagonia. Explore the dramatic Valley of the Moon, the majestic Altiplanic lagoons, the incredible Atacama Salt Flats and the beautiful El Tatio geysers. See page 66 for further details about the Atacama Desert extension.

You can also extend your holiday to include a visit to Easter Island, famous for its enigmatic moai stone heads. See the moai around the island, explore the volcanic craters and relax on the sandy beach. See page 67 for further details about the Easter Island extension.

You can also combine both extensions to create a 20 day holiday that visits both Easter Island and the Atacama Desert. At time of printing the brochure, flights to Easter Island are operating on an unreliable service, so Llama Travel is not operating the Easter Island extension. Call us for the latest on the situation.



Visit El Tatio, the largest geyser field in the southern hemisphere

NATURAL WONDERS OF CHILE
PLUS
ATACAMA DESERT

- Day 1 (Tue)** Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.
- Day 2 (Wed)** Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).
- Day 3 (Thu)** Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.
- Day 4 (Fri)** Fly to Puerto Varas in the heart of the Chilean Lake District (2 nts).
- Day 5 (Sat)** Free day in Puerto Varas. Take the optional Osorno Volcano & Hike excursion, or explore the surrounding area by yourself.
- Day 6 (Sun)** Fly over the Southern Patagonian Ice Field to Punta Arenas, then take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt).
- Day 7 (Mon)** Drive to Torres del Paine and take a full-day tour, exploring one of the world's great national parks. Optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion during the tour (2 nts).
- Day 8 (Tue)** Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or the half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.
- Day 9 (Wed)** Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).
- Day 10 (Thu)** A 3-hour public bus to Punta Arenas, then fly to Santiago, where you stay in an airport hotel (1 nt). On some dates it is possible to fly from Puerto Natales.
- Day 11 (Fri)** Fly to Calama, then transfer to San Pedro de Atacama, high in the desert at 2,400 metres above sea level (3 nts). Visit the Valley of the Moon.
- Day 12 (Sat)** Visit to the Atacama Salt Lake, where the salt crystals stretch out for miles, and the beautiful Altiplanic Lagoons of Miscanti and Miñique. Walk along the lagoon shores before continuing to the town of Socaire for lunch.
- Day 13 (Sun)** Early start to see the spectacular El Tatio geysers. At 4,300 metres above sea level, these are some of the world's highest geysers. Visit the village of Machuca before returning to San Pedro for a relaxing afternoon.
- Day 14 (Mon)** Transfer to Calama for your flight to Santiago (1 nt).
- Day 15 (Tue)** Fly overnight to the UK.
- Day 16 (Wed)** Arrival in the UK.

Hotel Tierra Atacama offers a menu of excursions, so you can choose which excursions you would prefer to take. Not all excursions operate every day.



NATURAL WONDERS OF CHILE
PLUS
EASTER ISLAND

- Day 1 (Tue)** Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.
- Day 2 (Wed)** Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).
- Day 3 (Thu)** Optional Vineyard & Valparaiso excursion.
- Day 4 (Fri)** Fly to Puerto Varas in the heart of the Chilean Lake District (2 nts).
- Day 5 (Sat)** Free day in Puerto Varas. Take the optional Osorno Volcano & Hike excursion, or explore the surrounding area by yourself.
- Day 6 (Sun)** Fly over the Southern Patagonian Ice Field to Punta Arenas to Punta Arenas, and take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt).
- Day 7 (Mon)** Drive to Torres del Paine and take a full-day tour, exploring one of the world's great national parks. Optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion during the tour (2 nts).
- Day 8 (Tue)** Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or the half day Hike to Lake Sarmiento.
- Day 9 (Wed)** Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).
- Day 10 (Thu)** A 3-hour public bus to Punta Arenas, then fly to Santiago, where you stay in an airport hotel (1 nt). On some dates it is possible to fly from Puerto Natales.
- Day 11 (Fri)** Take a 5-hour flight to Easter Island (3 nts). Transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day free to explore the town of Hanga Roa.
- Day 12 (Sat)** Visit Rano Raraku volcanic crater. Visit Ahu Tongariki to see the largest moai on the island. Afternoon visit to Anakena beach.
- Day 13 (Sun)** Visit Rano Kau volcano, the ceremonial centre of Orongo and the birdman cult. Afternoon visit to Ahu Akivi.
- Day 14 (Mon)** Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Santiago (1 nt).
- Day 15 (Tue)** Fly overnight to the UK.
- Day 16 (Wed)** Arrival in the UK.

At the time of printing this brochure, flights to Easter Island are still operating a reduced and unreliable service following covid. We hope that service will return to normal soon, but until there is a more consistent schedule we are not able to operate the Easter Island extension. Call us to ask about the latest situation.



NATURAL WONDERS OF CHILE PLUS ATACAMA DESERT & EASTER ISLAND

- Day 1 (Tue)** Fly overnight from the UK to Santiago.
- Day 2 (Wed)** Morning arrival. Optional Santiago Walking Tour (2 nts).
- Day 3 (Thu)** Optional Vineyard & Valparaíso excursion.
- Day 4 (Fri)** Fly to Puerto Varas in the heart of the Chilean Lake District (2 nts).
- Day 5 (Sat)** Free day in Puerto Varas. Take the optional Osorno Volcano & Hike excursion, or explore the surrounding area by yourself.
- Day 6 (Sun)** Fly over the Southern Patagonian Ice Field to Punta Arenas, and take a 3-hour transfer to Puerto Natales (1 nt).
- Day 7 (Mon)** Drive to Torres del Paine and take a full day tour, exploring one of the world's great national parks. Optional Boat to Grey Glacier excursion during the tour (2 nts).
- Day 8 (Tue)** Free day to explore the park or take the optional Las Torres Trek or the half day hike to Lake Sarmiento.
- Day 9 (Wed)** Optional Horse Riding excursion or free morning in Torres del Paine, returning by road to Puerto Natales in the afternoon (1 nt).
- Day 10 (Thu)** A 3-hour public bus to Punta Arenas, then fly to Santiago, where you stay in an airport hotel (1 nt). On some dates it is possible to fly from Puerto Natales.
- Day 11 (Fri)** Fly to Calama then transfer to San Pedro de Atacama, high in the desert at 2,400 metres above sea level (3 nts). Visit the Valley of the Moon.
- Day 12 (Sat)** Visit the Atacama Salt Lake and see

flamingos, then explore the Altiplanic Lagoons of Miscanti and Miñique in a stunning landscape of mountains and volcanoes.

Day 13 (Sun) Early start to see the spectacular El Tatio geysers. At 4,300 metres above sea level, these are some of the world's highest geysers. Visit the village of Machuca before returning to San Pedro for a relaxing afternoon.

Day 14 (Mon) Transfer to Calama for your flight to Santiago, where you stay in an airport hotel (1 nt).

Day 15 (Tue) Fly to Easter Island. Experience a traditional reception with flower necklaces (3 nts).

Day 16 (Wed) Visit Rano Raraku, a volcanic crater near to many moai, and climb the volcano to Ahu Tongariki. Afternoon visit to Anakena beach.

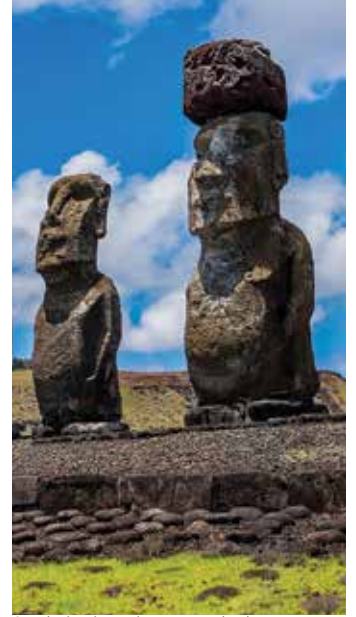
Day 17 (Thu) Visit Rano Kau volcano, home to the ceremonial centre of Orongo. Then to Ahu Akivi, an unusual site where 7 moai face the ocean, instead of inland.

Day 18 (Fri) Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Santiago (1 nt).

Day 19 (Sat) Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 20 (Sun) Arrival in the UK.

Hotel Tierra Atacama offers a menu of excursions, so you can choose which to take. Not all excursions operate daily.



See the iconic moai on Easter Island



Relax on a sandy beach on Easter Island

CALL US TO ENQUIRE ABOUT EASTER ISLAND

At the time of printing this brochure, flights to Easter Island are still operating a reduced and unreliable service following covid. We hope that service will return to normal soon, but until there is a more consistent schedule we are not able to operate the Easter Island extension. Call us about the latest situation.



The average height of a moai statue is 4 metres

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| SAVE UP TO £500 ON THE PRICES BELOW | |
|---|---|
| See our website for savings on the date you are interested in | |
| Date of departure | Natural Wonders of Chile + Atacama Desert (13 nights) |
| 24 January 2023 | 5499 |
| 31 January 2023 | 5549 |
| 7 February 2023 | 5549 |
| 21 February 2023 | 5549 |
| 14 March 2023 | 5499 |
| 28 March 2023 | 5449 |
| 31 October 2023 | 5399 |
| 7 November 2023 | 5349 |
| 14 November 2023 | 5349 |
| 21 November 2023 | 5349 |
| 9 January 2024 | 5249 |
| 16 January 2024 | 5249 |
| 30 January 2024 | 5249 |
| 6 February 2024 | 5299 |
| 20 February 2024 | 5299 |
| 27 February 2024 | 5299 |
| 12 March 2024 | 5249 |
| 26 March 2024 | 5199 |
| Single supplement | 1230 |

Prices from Heathrow, regional departures see p128

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

| Standard hotels included in prices above | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Santiago | Plaza San Francisco |
| Puerto Varas | Hotel Solace |
| Puerto Natales | Hotel Remota |
| Torres del Paine | Hotel Rio Serrano* |
| Atacama Desert | Hotel Altiplanico |
| *For upgrade to Superior room in Rio Serrano, add £120 (£240 single) | |
| Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated | |
| Superior hotels | Supplement |
| Santiago | Cumbres Lastaria* £75 (£150 single) |
| P. Varas | Cumbres P. Varas £80 (£160 single) |
| Special Offer: Upgrade in Santiago and Puerto Varas for only £109 (£219 single)* | |
| *Santiago upgrade is for first two nights and final night. Other nights are in an airport hotel. | |
| Optional Excursions | |
| Vineyard & Valparaíso | £180 |
| Osorno Volcano & Hike | £220 |
| Boat to Grey Glacier | £130 |
| Special Offer: | |
| All three above excursions for just £479 | |
| Santiago Walking Tour | £40 |
| Las Torres Trek | £170 |
| Hike to Lake Sarmiento | £95 |
| Torres del Paine Horse Riding | £120 |



COLOMBIA

Amazing scenery, fabulous beaches, rich culture, beautiful cities and some of the friendliest people in the world. With the country's political situation and image improving greatly in recent years, Colombia is fast becoming known as one of the most exciting destinations in Latin America.

The landscapes are incredible and varied, from the high Andes and the abundant greenery and rolling hills of the coffee region, where Colombia's famous Arabica beans are grown, to the white sand beaches of Tayrona on the Caribbean coast and the exotic cloud forest of the Cocora Valley.

Bogotá, the capital, boasts many galleries, restaurants and bars as well as a beautiful colonial centre, whilst picturesque Cartagena is a charming and historical fortified city, known for its heavy association with pirates in the Caribbean. Medellín is Colombia's innovative creative hub, with a vibrancy unmatched by Colombia's other cities. It boasts a winning setting too, nestled in a valley, surrounded by the Andes Mountains, while the city itself bursts with art-filled parks and award-winning social projects.

Colombia also has a fascinating history. The region was home to many pre-Hispanic cultures, including the Incas, prior to the arrival of the Spanish Conquistadors, all of whom have left their mark on the country.

The cities and landscapes are wonderful, but it is perhaps the warmth and friendliness of its people that will remain longest in the memory; they are proud of their country and excited to share it with you.



WHEN TO GO

Colombia's dry season runs between December and March, with July and August also dry in Bogotá. Colombia generally maintains a tropical climate due to its proximity to the equator, but in the higher parts of the country, such as Bogotá, the temperature is lessened by altitude.

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|-----------|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Bogotá | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 19 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 7 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 3 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 6 |
| Cartagena | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 23 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 21 | 12 | 4 |
| Pereira | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 14 | 16 | 20 | 25 | 22 | 14 | 10 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 25 | 17 |

CUSTOMER RATINGS

Llama Travel restarted groups to Colombia in November 2022, so the scores here are from Llama Travel customers in 2019, the last full year of travel.

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Holiday Overall | <div style="width: 92%;"></div> | 92% |
| Value for money | <div style="width: 92%;"></div> | 92% |
| Colombia as a holiday destination | <div style="width: 92%;"></div> | 92% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="width: 92%;"></div> | 92% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="width: 72%;"></div> | 72% |

Meet traditional fruit sellers, known as palenqueras, in Cartagena

TREASURES OF EL DORADO

BOGOTA COFFEE REGION MEDELLIN CARTAGENA

14 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS FROM £2749



Explore Cartagena's colonial walled city and fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Colombia is a beautiful and culture-rich country, as you will discover on this holiday. Beginning in Bogotá, the capital and commercial centre high in the Andes, get a glimpse into Colombia's past, with its beautiful colonial centre and Monserrate Hill, which you can take the funicular up for an impressive panorama. Discover Colombia's association with gold on a visit to the volcano crater lake of Guatavita, where the famous legend of El Dorado originated.

Continue to the Coffee Region, playing an important role in modern Colombia, with coffee beans its most important economic resource. The area is lush and green, with rows of coffee plants clinging to steep slopes and stretching down into the valleys, occasionally interrupted by picturesque colonial towns and stands of wax palms.

In Medellín, you will be introduced to 21st-century Colombia. Lying in a beautiful valley, the 'City of Eternal Spring' is an outward-looking city of ideas. The centre has parks with creative twists, art-filled public spaces and award-winning social projects like the public escalators which link the poorer areas higher up the slopes to the city centre at the bottom of the valley. Visit colourful Guatapé, where you can climb 654 steps to reach the top of El Peñol rock for 'the best views in the world' according to the signs!

Cartagena, located on the Caribbean coast is an enchanting, brightly-coloured city. Once a target of pirates intent on stealing gold from the Spanish empire, it retains its historical fortifications and colonial architecture.

Customer Rating for Treasures of El Dorado

Overall 92%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) Bogotá Fly from the UK to Bogotá, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Perhaps enjoy the city's energy and explore the trendy Zona T area where your hotel is located (2 nights).

Day 2 (Fri) Bogotá Enjoy a free day in Colombia's capital, or take the optional Historic Bogotá excursion, visiting the local market to try exotic fruit, Plaza Bolívar to appreciate its colonial influences, and take the funicular up Monserrate Hill for fabulous views across the city.

Day 3 (Sat) Coffee Region Set off for Lake Guatavita outside Bogotá, to discover the origins of the El Dorado myth and have lunch in a picturesque setting. Fly to Pereira in the coffee region, where you are transferred to your hacienda-style hotel in the early evening (3 nights).

Day 4 (Sun) Coffee Region Take the optional Coffee Plantation excursion, visiting a working farm to learn how some of the world's best coffee is grown and processed.

Day 5 (Mon) Coffee Region Take the optional Cocora Valley excursion to see the majestic cloud forest wax palms that dominate the landscape. Continue to the charming colonial town of Salento and play the traditional bar game of tejo.

Day 6 (Tue) Medellín Transfer to Pereira airport for a flight to Medellín, where you are transferred to your hotel and are greeted by the sight of high-rise buildings sitting against a backdrop of the Andes (3 nights).

Day 7 (Wed) Medellín Take the optional Inspirational

Medellín excursion to discover how this city has been transformed over the past 20 years. Considered one of Latin America's most vibrant cities, see Botero Plaza, dotted with the artist's sculptures, followed by a ride on the Metrocable cable car and some sites associated with the late Pablo Escobar.

Day 8 (Thu) Medellín Take the optional Colourful Guatapé excursion to discover one of Colombia's prettiest towns. If you feel up to it, climb 654 stairs to reach the top of El Peñol rock for a spectacular view of the surrounding lake and nearby towns.

Day 9 (Fri) Cartagena Visit a flower farm near Santa Elena en-route to Medellín Airport, before your flight to Cartagena (3 nights).

Day 10 (Sat) Cartagena Take the optional Colonial Cartagena excursion and explore the cobbled streets and interesting history of the colonial city, with a chance to try local snacks. Visit the fort of San Felipe, the historical old town and get a fabulous view from La Popa Hill.

Day 11 (Sun) Cartagena A free day to further explore the city, relax in a cafe, or perhaps visit one of the beautiful beaches in the nearby Islas Rosario.

Day 12 (Mon) Fly to Bogotá and connect to your overnight flight to the UK.

Day 13 (Tue) Arrival in the UK.

For extension to Tayrona beach, see page 77.



Try exotic fruits in a local Bogotá market



Take a tour of a coffee farm



Visit the iconic Quindío wax palms in Cocora Valley

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Treasures of El Dorado (11 nights) | |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| 23 February 2023 | 2749 |
| 23 March 2023 | 2749 |
| 16 November 2023 | 2749 |
| 11 January 2024 | 2849 |
| 22 February 2024 | 2849 |
| 21 March 2024 | 2849 |
| 2023 single supplement | 650 |
| 2024 single supplement | 725 |

Prices from Heathrow; regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above
Bogotá Novotel Parque 93
Pereira Sazagua Hotel
Medellín NH Collection
Cartagena Hotel Santa Catalina

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

| Superior hotels* | Supplement |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Bogotá Hotel EK | £60 (£120 single) |
| Cartagena Ananda | £90 (£180 single) |

*Prices above are for double rooms. Ask us for twin room price

| Optional Excursions | |
|------------------------|------|
| Historic Bogotá | £60 |
| Coffee Plantation | £130 |
| Cocora Valley | £130 |
| Inspirational Medellín | £70 |
| Colourful Guatapé | £130 |
| Colonial Cartagena | £75 |

Special Offer:
all six excursions for just **£529**

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

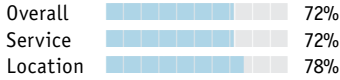
OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

COLOMBIA HOTELS

NOVOTEL PARQUE 93, BOGOTA

Well located near Parque 93, a modern hotel with 139 comfortable rooms with en-suite bathrooms. There is bar, restaurant and gym.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



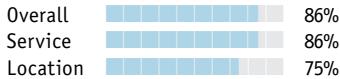
EK HOTEL, BOGOTA

This modern hotel on Parque 93, near the Zona Rosa, has 70 well appointed en-suite air conditioned rooms. There is a gym, terrace, spa, restaurant and bar/lounge.

HOTEL SAZAGUA, PEREIRA

A traditional hacienda-style hotel, located in beautiful countryside close to Pereira. Sazagua has a beautiful garden and pool, a restaurant, and all brightly coloured rooms have en-suite bathrooms and air conditioning.

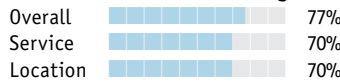
Llama Travel Customer Ratings



NH COLLECTION, MEDELLIN

This 134-room hotel is located in the business district of Medellín and offers chic, minimalist en-suite rooms with air conditioning. There is a restaurant, gym and spa.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



SANTA CATALINA, CARTAGENA

In a historic building in the old town, this hotel has a restaurant and a beautiful roof terrace with pool and bar. The 40 rooms have air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



ANANDA BOUTIQUE, CARTAGENA

A beautifully renovated colonial house in the old town, with a lovely pool, roof terrace, restaurant, bar and jacuzzi. The 23 rooms have air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms and are very comfortable.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings



Visit Las Bóvedas market in Cartagena



Novotel Parque 93, Bogotá



Climb 654 steps to the top of the Peñol Rock in Guatapé for stunning lake views

HISTORIC BOGOTA

Start with a visit to Paloquemao, one of Bogotá's most interesting markets, where you can try exotic fruits, explore the flower market and get a feeling for daily life in the capital. Then ride the funicular up the 3,140-metre Monserrate Hill, where you can enjoy panoramic views with the Andes in the background. Continue to the historical quarter of La Candelaria, one of the most fascinating parts of Bogotá, with the grand Bolivar Plaza, the impressive San Agustín colonial church, the cathedral and the Presidential Palace. Finish with a visit to the Botero Museum, home to a fantastic collection of Botero's works, plus art by Picasso, Dalí and Monet. Return to your hotel or remain in the centre to visit the Gold Museum independently.

Llama Travel Customer Rating



COFFEE PLANTATION

A holiday to Colombia would not be complete without visiting a coffee plantation. The Hacienda Venecia runs a tour of the plantation where you will learn about each stage of coffee production; from the importance of soil composition, to bean selection, roasting and tasting. The guided tour will allow you to discover the elements which contribute to making Colombian coffee so distinctive. Have lunch at the hacienda, then return to your hotel.

Llama Travel Customer Rating



COCORA VALLEY

Cocora Valley is one of the most spectacular natural landscapes in Colombia, with the tall Quindío wax palms, the national tree and symbol of Colombia, dominating the skyline. Begin with a guided tour of the cloud forest, where you can appreciate the natural splendour of the valley and, if you are lucky, observe some of the local wildlife such as hummingbirds and condors. Lunch is included in a local restaurant, then visit the charming town of Salento, where there are cobbled streets, craft shops and taverns to explore, and you play a game of Tejo, the traditional Colombian bar game involving gunpowder.

Llama Travel Customer Rating



EK Hotel, Bogotá



Hotel Sazagua, Pereira



NH Collection, Medellín

INSPIRATIONAL MEDELLIN

Medellín is a remarkable city which has totally transformed itself in the years since Pablo Escobar's death. This tour focuses on the changes the city has undergone to become one of the most innovative and creative places in Latin America. Begin the tour with a visit to Pablo Escobar's grave, then continue to the Parque de las Esculturas (sculpture park) in the city centre to see some of Fernando Botero's work, which depicts life during Escobar's reign. Next, ride on the Metro Cable for views of the city, then visit one of the transformed districts and ride on one of Medellín's famous innovations, the public escalators that go up the hillside in poorer districts, connecting them to the city.

Llama Travel Customer Rating



COLOURFUL GUATAPE

Less than two hours from the city of Medellín, Guatapé is a small town known for its colourful buildings and most of all, the 'Piedra del Peñol'. If you feel up to it, this 200-metre-high rock is best experienced by climbing 654 steps to the top. The hard work is worth it, as you are rewarded with fantastic views of the lake and nearby towns and villages. Spend time wandering the town's pretty streets and charming plazas, lined with brightly coloured houses, shops and restaurants. Have lunch then take a boat trip around the reservoir, before returning to Medellín.

COLONIAL CARTAGENA

Start with a fabulous panoramic view of the city's old town and port from the Monasterio de La Popa, which dates back to 1606. Continue to the San Felipe Fortress, a formidable castle built in the seventeenth century to protect the city from pirates. Walk around the fortress and learn about the castle's construction, the engineering feats, the tunnels, underground galleries and passageways. Then enjoy a walking tour in the old town, for a chance to experience the real Cartagena, as local vendors fill you with sweet and savoury treats.

EXTENSION TO HOLIDAY IN COLOMBIA
TAYRONA BEACH

3 NIGHTS FROM £649



Escape to Tayrona National Park, a tropical paradise of jungle and glorious beaches

You can extend your holiday in Colombia and soak up the sun by spending a few days on the stunning Caribbean beaches near Tayrona National Park. The park is one of the most beautiful and idyllic areas of Colombia where beaches, tropical rainforest and enormous rounded boulders blend together to form a lush tropical paradise. The national park runs along the Caribbean coast into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, the highest coastal mountains in the world, and is close to Santa Marta, Colombia's oldest city.

The Hotel Villa Maria, 3km from the park entrance, offers wonderful views over the Caribbean Sea, and it is a short walk down to the nearby Los Cocos beach, usually shared only with the local fishermen. If you would like to visit the Tayrona National Park (entrance fee payable), it is a 10-minute drive away. The beautiful Cañaveral Beach is the closest beach to the park entrance: a shuttle bus runs from the gate to close to the beach. To access other beaches, it is necessary to walk along well-marked trails through the forest. La Piscina is about a 90-minute walk away, with a bay where the sea is almost completely enclosed, so it is an ideal place to snorkel, swim and bathe in the clear, calm

water. Lifeguards are usually present on beaches where swimming is possible, but always check before swimming.

Aside from the beaches, Tayrona National Park is also a great place for wildlife, with dusky titi monkeys, red woodpeckers, iguanas, a variety of lizards, tropical marine life, and more than 400 species of birds. There are various walks in and around the park, and waterfalls and hidden beauty spots can be found amongst the vegetation. The region was once the territory of the Tayrona Indians, and archaeological remains have been found in the park.

To reach the Tayrona area, you have a five-hour transfer from Cartagena along the Caribbean coast, arriving at lunch time. After your stay, you either return to Cartagena or take a one-hour transfer to Santa Marta airport where you fly to Bogotá and connect to your international flight to the UK.

This extension includes 3 nights in the Villa Maria Hotel. It is also possible to extend your stay in Tayrona.

Customer Rating for Tayrona Beach

Overall  75%






TAYRONA HOTEL

VILLA MARIA

The comfortable, but simple, Hotel Villa Maria is located 3km from the entrance gate to the Tayrona National Park. The secluded and intimate hotel has a privileged position surrounded by jungle and overlooking the ocean. There are lovely outdoor seating areas, a swimming pool, and the nearest beach is a 5-minute walk away. The rooms and bungalows are attractively furnished, with air conditioning. Breakfast is included, and there is a restaurant. WiFi is available in the restaurant and pool areas. Please note, due to the remote location, hot water and WiFi can be unreliable.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall  72%
 Service  67%
 Location  83%



Villa Maria is a short drive from Tayrona National Park



Hotel swimming pool surrounded by lush jungle



Villa Maria rooms are simply but attractively furnished



Spot capuchin monkeys in Tayrona National Park amongst other wildlife including jaguars, caimans and howler monkeys



Hotel Santa Catalina, Cartagena



Ananda Boutique, Cartagena



Admire great sea views at Villa Maria hotel

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| Tayrona Beach Extension | | | |
|--|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 3 nights | each extra night | single supplement per night |
| 2023 | £649 | £95 | £95 |
| 2024 | £699 | £95 | £95 |
| Board: bed and breakfast | | | |
| For Ocean View room add £20 (£40 single) per night. | | | |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate this extension. | | | |



JORDAN

Set at the crossroads of the Middle East, Jordan has acted as a strategic nexus connecting the continents of Asia, Africa and Europe, and has encountered an endless wave of invaders throughout history, from ancient Romans to Ottomans and European crusaders. The geographic location of Jordan has granted the country a very important role as a conduit for trade and communications.

Although desert covers nearly 85% of the country, Jordan offers a wealth of opportunity; from the frenetic buzz of urban Amman, to the enchanting starkness of Wadi Rum, and the majestic ruins of civilizations past, with the 'Rose City' of Petra taking the crown. The Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, is located along its western border with Israel and to the extreme south-west can be found the Red Sea.

With stunning and varied landscapes, Jordan has been the setting for many feature films including the epic historical drama Lawrence of Arabia which was largely filmed in the evocative desert regions of Wadi Rum. Ridley Scott also selected the red sand dunes as the perfect location for his feature film The Martian.

Jordan is a place that has captivated ancient explorers and continues to entice a new generation of travellers. It is an eclectic mixture of tradition and modernity.



WHEN TO GO

The best time to visit Jordan is from September to May, when the weather is cooler than the hottest months of June to August. Rain is rare, but temperatures can drop at night, especially from December to March.

| | | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
|-------|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Amman | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 12 | 14 | 17 | 23 | 27 | 30 | 32 | 32 | 30 | 26 | 19 | 14 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 3 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 14 | 9 | 5 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 6 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Petra | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 15 | 17 | 21 | 26 | 30 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 34 | 29 | 22 | 17 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 3 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 13 | 8 | 4 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 |

CUSTOMER RATINGS

Below are overall scores from Llama Travel customers who travelled to Jordan in 2022.

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Holiday Overall | <div style="width: 96%;"></div> 96% |
| Value for money | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> 83% |
| Jordan holiday destination | <div style="width: 91%;"></div> 91% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="width: 93%;"></div> 93% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="width: 86%;"></div> 86% |

JEWELS OF JORDAN

PETRA AMMAN WADI RUM DEAD SEA

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS FROM £2069



Explore the ancient Nabataean ruins of Petra, founded in the 4th century BC

Although desert covers almost 85% of Jordan, the country offers a wealth of different experiences, and this holiday allows you to enjoy the best of the country's desert landscape, rich history, cultural heritage and unique natural beauty in a week.

Admire the ancient Roman ruins of Jerash, said to be the best-preserved outside of Italy. Feel like a real-life Indiana Jones whilst discovering the majestic ruins of Petra. Experience the vastness of the desert and the mesmerizing sunrise and sunset over Wadi Rum. Venture to the lowest point on earth at the Dead Sea and experience a sense of

weightlessness floating in the ultra-saline waters. Gaze down upon the city of Jericho in the distance from the biblical Mount Nebo, said to be the spot where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land.

On this journey you will learn about the fascinating history of Jordan from biblical times, to the Nabataean Kingdom, to the influence of the Roman Empire and the Crusader Knights. You will be immersed in the breathtaking landscape of Wadi Rum, the Dana Biosphere and the Dead Sea.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 96%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Mon) Amman Fly to Amman, arriving late at night. You are met and transferred to your hotel in the north of the city (2 nights).

Day 2 (Tue) Amman A morning tour of the capital city, visiting the iconic Umayyad-era Citadel that sits atop Jebel al-Qala, the highest hill in Amman. Enjoy the panoramic views of the city from this vantage point, then descend to the downtown area of Amman with the ancient Roman amphitheatre before travelling to the Roman ruins of Jerash, said to be the best preserved outside of Italy. After lunch (included), you explore key sites such as the pillar-lined causeway of 'Cardo', the Oval Plaza and the impressive Arch of Hadrian. Return to your hotel in the early evening.

Day 3 (Wed) Amman - Petra Journey along the 5,000-year-old King's Highway, stopping at the historic town of Madaba and the revered site of Mount Nebo, where you walk to the summit for amazing views, lunch included. Continue to the crusader castle of Kerak, one of the largest and most impressive in the Levant, before you arrive at your hotel in Wadi Musa in the early evening, located at the entrance to Petra. Take the optional Petra by Night excursion (2 nights).

Day 4 (Thu) Petra After an early breakfast, enter Petra and walk through the fabled Siq canyon to the famous façade of the Treasury. Enjoy a guided tour of this fascinating site that has been crowned one of the 'New Wonders of the World'. Your guide will escort you through the through the giant Royal Tombs that gaze across the hidden valley, the Roman amphitheatre and the Great Temple. You then have the afternoon free to

further explore the site. Perhaps walk to the The High Place of Sacrifice or the legendary Monastery.

Day 5 (Fri) Petra - Wadi Rum Embark on the journey to Wadi Rum in the heart of the Jordanian desert. After a two-hour drive, arrive at your desert camp, with time for lunch, then board a pickup truck for an exciting drive through the lunar-like landscape of the desert made famous by the tales of Lawrence of Arabia. Before you return to your camp, your driver will stop at a vantage point overlooking the desert. Here, you can witness the changing colours of the desert as the dusk falls. You arrive back at the camp in the early evening where you enjoy a typical Bedouin meal with entertainment and great stargazing opportunities (1 night).

Day 6 (Sat) Wadi Rum - Dead Sea Perhaps rise early to view the sunrise over Wadi Rum, then depart the desert camp and take a two-and-a-half hour drive to the Dana biosphere, where you take a short walk with opportunities of spotting unique flora and fauna. Have lunch (included) in the historic stone village of Dana with views out over the canyon before continuing to the Dead Sea, arriving in the evening (2 nights).

Day 7 (Sun) Dead Sea Enjoy a relaxed day at the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Take a dip in the super-salty water and feel the sense of weightlessness as you bob on the surface of the sea. Perhaps relax at your hotel or take a spa treatment.

Day 8 (Mon) An early morning transfer from your hotel to Amman airport for your return flight to the UK.



Take a dip in the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth



Pillars of the Roman Temple of Hercules, Amman

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £150 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Jewels of Jordan (7 nights) | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| 20 February 2023 | 2219 |
| 20 March 2023 | 2269 |
| 3 April 2023 | 2299 |
| 17 April 2023 | 2299 |
| 1 May 2023 | 2269 |
| 15 May 2023 | 2269 |
| 25 September 2023 | 2069 |
| 9 October 2023 | 2119 |
| 23 October 2023 | 2119 |
| 6 November 2023 | 2099 |
| 20 November 2023 | 2099 |
| 19 February 2024 | 2099 |
| 4 March 2024 | 2199 |
| 18 March 2024 | 2199 |
| 1 April 2024 | 2199 |
| 15 April 2024 | 2249 |
| 29 April 2024 | 2249 |
| 6 May 2024 | 2249 |
| 13 May 2024 | 2199 |
| 27 May 2024 | 2199 |
| 2023 single supplement | 450 |
| 2024 single supplement | 475 |

Prices from London; regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

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|----------|---------------------|
| Amman | Amman International |
| Petra | Petra Moon Hotel |
| Wadi Rum | Mazayen Wadi Rum |
| Dead Sea | Holiday Inn Resort |

Accommodation includes breakfast and dinner.

Optional Excursion

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Petra by Night | £35 |
|----------------|-----|

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

HOTELS IN JORDAN

Jordan is a dry country, so some hotels do not serve alcohol. Dinner is included in all hotels.

AMMAN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, AMMAN



A comfortable hotel with locally crafted furnishings offering an authentic stay. There is an outdoor pool, three restaurants serving a range of local and international dishes and a bar. Rooms are spacious with good views of the city and have en-suite bathrooms with air conditioning. Breakfast and dinner are included.

PETRA MOON HOTEL, PETRA



A family run hotel, located steps away from the entrance to the ancient city of Petra. The hotel boasts a rooftop terrace with a restaurant and swimming pool with great views across the town of Wadi Musa. Rooms are en-suite with air conditioning. Breakfast and dinner are included.

MAZAYEN DESERT CAMP, WADI RUM



Mazayen is a fixed campsite in the midst of the desert of Wadi Rum offering a simple yet authentic experience. The restaurant serves traditional Jordanian food in an unforgettable setting. The air-conditioned private cabins are decorated with typical Arabesque detailings and have en-suite bathrooms. Breakfast and dinner are included.

HOLIDAY INN RESORT, DEAD SEA



Located on the shores of the Dead Sea with direct access to a private beach, this is an ideal place to relax at the end of your tour. The hotel offers an outdoor pool, a spa and a sauna. There is a bar and five restaurants including rooftop and poolside dining. Rooms are decorated in a contemporary style and have a private balcony or terrace. All are equipped with air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. Breakfast and dinner are included.



Explore the otherworldly landscape of Wadi Rum

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

PETRA BY NIGHT

This evening excursion is a great first introduction to the ancient Nabataean city of Petra, allowing you to enter after dark and walk through the meandering Siq slot canyon to the Treasury, illuminated by candlelight. There is some traditional Bedouin entertainment on show, although this is somewhat touristy. The main appeal of this excursion is that it gives you a chance to see this phenomenal monument after dark, and makes for some good photo opportunities. Entrance to Petra by Night opens at 20:30 and lasts for two hours, finishing at 22:30.



Experience the ancient city of Petra after dark



Explore the ancient Roman city of Jerash

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PETRA

Standing at the crossroads between Arabia, Egypt and Syria-Phoenicia, the ancient Nabataean city of Petra, inhabited as early as the 4th Century BC, became a major caravan-centre for the trading in items such as Arabian incense, silk from China and spices from India.

The city itself has been half-carved and half-built into the rock of the desert and is surrounded by mountains with natural passages and gorges. The Nabataeans were ingenious architects and engineered a water management systems of canals and irrigation tunnels that were cut into the rose-red rock that turned a naturally arid region

into a prosperous and flourishing city. At the height of Petra's power, in the 1st century AD, these technologies allowed a population of 20,000 people to reside in the desert with a continuous flurry of visitors following the trade routes.

With the introduction of sea trade routes, Petra's importance began to decline, and by 106 AD the Romans had invaded and forced a surrender, ruling over the city until the 4th century AD when an earthquake struck. The Byzantines then took power, however, by the start of the 8th century AD, Petra was largely abandoned.



Take in the views out to Jericho from Mount Nebo



Wander the street of façade in Petra

SRI LANKA

The name Sri Lanka means “Resplendent Island”, and nothing could be more appropriate for this lush tropical paradise. Sri Lanka’s vast forests are home to elephants, leopards, monkeys and crocodiles, as well as a diversity of birdlife.

Sri Lanka has a rich cultural heritage starting with the Sinhala Kingdom, which reigned from the 6th century BC right up until 19th century when the British took over. The Sinhalese kings left behind grand royal complexes, such as the towering fortress of Lion Rock and the royal palaces in Anuradhapura. Holy sites such as the Dambulla Cave temples have been in continuous use for over 2,000 years, and can still be visited today.

Spend some time in the peaceful temperate highlands of Nuwara Eliya, or relax on the tropical beaches of Bentota. Admire the colonial architecture in Galle and explore the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy.



WHEN TO GO

The best time to visit Sri Lanka is from November to April, when the weather is best in the south west of the country. Sri Lanka has a dual rainy season, so that when one half of the country is wet, the other is warm and sunny.

The “Maha” rainy season keeps the north east of Sri Lanka wet from October to January. This can include parts of the cultural triangle such as Anuradhapura and Polonaruwa.

The “Yala” rainy season, which affects the south west of Sri Lanka, lasts from May to August. This is the gentler of the two monsoons, and affects destinations such as Colombo and Galle.

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|---------------------------|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Dambulla | Av. max temp (°C) | 27 | 28 | 31 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 28 | 27 |
| | Av. min temp (°C) | 21 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 14 | 9 | 8 | 16 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 26 | 28 |
| Nuwara Eliya | Av. max temp (°C) | 20 | 21 | 23 | 23 | 21 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 19 |
| | Av. min temp (°C) | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 11 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 10 | 8 | 7 | 16 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 18 | 23 | 22 |
| Yala National Park | Av. max temp (°C) | 30 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| | Av. min temp (°C) | 23 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 23 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 13 |

Take one of the world’s most stunning train journeys to Nuwara Eliya





SPLENDOURS OF SRI LANKA

NEGOMBO THE CULTURAL TRIANGLE KANDY NUWARA ELIYA

YALA NATIONAL PARK BENTOTA BEACH

13 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS FROM £2299

HOTELS IN SRI LANKA

GOLDI SANDS, NEGOMBO



A comfortable beachfront hotel with 2 outdoor pools and restaurant. The en suite rooms are sea facing with air conditioning.

JETWING BLUE, NEGOMBO



A superior hotel with contemporary design, close to the beach. There is a restaurant, a sushi bar, a beach bar and an eye-catching palm-lined pool. En suite rooms are ocean facing with air conditioning and a terrace.

AMAYA LAKE, CULTURAL TRIANGLE



In the heart of the Cultural Triangle, on the shores of Lake Kandalama rich with bird life. There is a pool, bar and restaurant, and the comfortable en suite rooms have air conditioning. Dinner is included.

RADISSON KANDY



A short walk from the city's centre, there is a rooftop pool and bar with excellent views over Kandy Lake and the city. The en suite air-conditioned rooms are modern and spacious.

GALWAY HEIGHTS, NUWARA ELIYA



Located on the edge of Galway's Land National Park, this cosy hotel has a restaurant and bar. Comfortable en suite rooms with mountain or courtyard views.



Spot herds of wild elephants in Minneriya National Park

Sri Lanka offers a vibrant mix of history, culture, wildlife and scenery, all of which you will discover on this trip. Start the tour relaxing on the beach in Negombo, then journey into Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle, which contains over two millennia of cultural artefacts. Here you find Lion Rock, a grand palace raised 200 metres above the surrounding forests, and the Dambulla Caves, a sacred Buddhist pilgrimage site hidden in colourful hillside caverns. The region is also home to elephants, bears and crocodiles, as well as many species of bird.

Next, explore Sri Lanka's temperate central

highlands, starting with the former capital of Kandy, home to a temple built in honour of Buddha's left tooth. From Kandy, take one of the world's finest rail journeys to Nuwara Eliya, once a country retreat for British colonialists. The town sits in the country's central highlands, in a landscape of rolling hills and tea plantations.

From here, visit Yala National Park, the best place in the country for spotting wild leopards, as well as a wide variety of other wildlife. End your trip in Bentota, a sleepy town on the Indian Ocean with beautiful beaches.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) Fly overnight from the UK to Colombo.

Day 2 (Fri) Negombo Morning arrival in Colombo. Transfer to your hotel in Negombo and enjoy a day on the beach (1 night).

Day 3 (Sat) Cultural Triangle Drive to the Cultural Triangle, home to ancient ruins, wildlife and traditional villages. Take the optional Dambulla Caves excursion and visit Buddhist cave temples that have been in continuous use for over 2,000 years (3 nights).

Day 4 (Sun) Cultural Triangle Take the optional Buddhas and Elephants excursion and visit the ancient palaces of Polonnaruwa, followed by elephant spotting in Minneriya National Park.

Day 5 (Mon) Cultural Triangle Another day to explore the Cultural Triangle. Take the optional Lion Rock excursion to see one of Sri Lanka's most iconic landmarks. In the afternoon, take the optional Wasgamuwa National Park excursion for a chance to see more Sri Lankan wildlife, including sloth bears, elephants, and a vast array of tropical bird species.

Day 6 (Tue) Kandy Drive to Kandy in the central highlands and visit the Royal Botanical Gardens. In the late afternoon, take the optional Kandy City Tour, starting with a visit to the Temple of the Tooth, said to contain Buddha's left canine. The tour finishes with a visit to Kandy market (1 night).

Day 7 (Wed) Nuwara Eliya Travel on one of the world's most picturesque rail routes. On the four and a half hour journey you pass forests, waterfalls and tea estates before arriving in Nuwara Eliya. Train tickets cannot be confirmed until 30 days prior to

departure, please ask us for details (2 nights).

Day 8 (Thu) Nuwara Eliya Enjoy a day at leisure in the peaceful town of Nuwara Eliya, or take the optional End of the World Hike. The hike takes you through Horton Plains National Park, and culminates at the World's End viewpoint, where on a clear day you can see the Indian Ocean.

Day 9 (Fri) Yala Take a tour of a tea factory in Nuwara Eliya, then begin your journey to Yala National Park. En route, you visit carved Buddha rock reliefs at the Buduruwagala Temple, then continue to Yala National Park, arriving in the late afternoon (2 nights).

Day 10 (Sat) Yala Enjoy an early morning game drive through Yala National Park in a six-seater safari vehicle. Your naturalist guide will help you try to spot leopards, elephants, bears and crocodiles. Enjoy the rest of the day to relax then take the optional Afternoon Game Drive for a second chance to explore the park.

Day 11 (Sun) Bentota Drive from Yala to Bentota Beach, stopping at the colonial town of Galle en route. Your guide will take you on a short walking tour of the fort, explaining some of the history of the town. Arrive at the laid-back beach town of Bentota in the late afternoon (1 night).

Day 12 (Mon) Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

Day 13 (Tue) Arrive in the UK.

Extend your holiday with a few more days on Bentota Beach. See page 84 for more details.



There are 153 statues of the Buddha in the Dambulla caves

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

DAMBULLA CAVES

Discover the Dambulla Cave Temples, a sacred pilgrimage site dating back 22 centuries. Depart in the late afternoon and climb the 364 steps to the caves. Once inside, explore the five temples and witness more than two thousand years of Buddhist art. There are over 150 statues within the cave's elaborately patterned walls, the largest measuring 15 metres long.

BUDDHAS AND ELEPHANTS

Experience the best of Sri Lanka on an excursion that covers both culture and wildlife. Spend the morning in Sri Lanka's former capital, the UNESCO heritage site of Polonnaruwa. Here you can see the Royal Palace complex, with the well-preserved King's Palace, Audience Hall and Quadrangle. After a traditional Sri Lankan lunch, climb into a jeep and search for herds of wild elephants in Minneriya National Park. The park is home to a vast array of wildlife, including buffalo, crocodiles, and if you are fortunate enough to spot one, leopards. Return in the early evening to relax at your hotel.

LION ROCK

The ancient palaces of Sigiriya sit atop a giant column of rock, jutting out from the miles of flat jungle that surround it. The palaces were built by King Kashpaya in the 5th century BC, and subsequently abandoned after his death. Take an early morning tour of this cultural wonder and discover its many charms. Enter at the gates that give 'Lion Rock' its name, flanked by a gigantic pair of lion's paws. Climb up to the ancient palaces, with their elaborate gardens and fountains, and discover the mysterious frescoes hidden on the rock's western face. Return to your hotel in time for a late breakfast.



Lion Rock was once the capital of Sri Lanka. Atop it lie the great palaces of King Kashpaya

WASGAMUWA NATIONAL PARK

Take an afternoon jeep safari in Wasgamuwa National Park, one of Sri Lanka's lesser-known wildlife reserves. Wasgamuwa stands out for its population of sloth bears. In fact, 'Wasgamuwa' means 'forest of the sloth bear' in Sinhalese. Besides predators, the park is also great for seeing elephants, and hosts a vast array of bird species. On the way to the park you visit the Buduruwayaya archaeological site to see artefacts dating back over 2,000 years.

KANDY CITY TOUR

A visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth, which houses Sri Lanka's most sacred Buddhist relic – a tooth of the Buddha. Admire the craftsmanship of the temple's golden roof and hand-carved wooden furnishings, and explore the surrounding gardens. Witness one of the religious ceremonies (poojas) that are held daily here, accompanied with traditional music and drumming. Finish the day with a stroll through Kandy's local market to visit the colourful and aromatic spice stalls.

END OF THE WORLD HIKE

A leisurely walk through Sri Lanka's central highlands, taking you through open grasslands and scenic mountain trails. Arrive at Horton Plains National Park in the early morning, when the weather is cool and the visibility is best. The climax of the hike is the World's End viewpoint, a mountaintop lookout with scenic vistas of the Sri Lankan landscape. On a clear day, the Indian Ocean is visible in the distance. The route is 9km long and takes around four hours. Return to your hotel and have the afternoon free.

YALA AFTERNOON SAFARI

A second chance to explore this wonderful national park later in the day. Late afternoon is an excellent time for wildlife spotting as the animals become more active as nightfall approaches. You are accompanied by a naturalist guide who will help you spot some of Yala's famous wildlife.

HOTELS IN SRI LANKA

THE GRAND HOTEL



Set in an Edwardian estate, the Grand Hotel was originally built as a holiday home for the 5th Governor of Sri Lanka. There are four restaurants, a billiards room, a heated indoor pool and several bars with various themes and settings. Comfortable en-suite rooms with heaters.

JETWING YALA



A beautiful hotel close to Yala National Park with an excellent restaurant, bar and pool and beach bar. The spacious en suite rooms have air conditioning and terrace.

For hotels in Bentota, see page 84

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Splendours of Sri Lanka (10 nights) | |
|--|-------------|
| 27 July 2023 | 2599 |
| 9 November 2023 | 2299 |
| 30 November 2023 | 2349 |
| 18 January 2024 | 2499 |
| 8 February 2024 | 2499 |
| 29 February 2024 | 2499 |
| 21 March 2024 | 2499 |
| 2 May 2024 | 2399 |
| 2023 single supplement | 600 |
| 2024 single supplement | 700 |

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Negombo | Goldi Sands |
| Cultural Triangle | Amaya Lake |
| Kandy | Radisson Kandy |
| Nuwara Eliya | Galway Heights |
| Yala | Jetwing Yala |
| Bentota | Cinnamon Bey |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except in the Amaya Lake, where dinner is included

| Superior hotels* | Supplement |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Negombo Jetwing Blue | £45 (€90 single) |
| Nuwara E. Grand Hotel | £80 (€160 single) |
| Bentota Cinnam. Beach | £70 (€140 single) |

*2024 prices vary. Ask us for details

Optional Excursions

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Dambulla Caves | £20 |
| Buddhas & Elephants | £110 |
| Lion Rock | £40 |
| Kandy City Tour | £20 |
| Yala Afternoon Safari | £70 |

Special Offer:

| | |
|--|------------|
| all five excursions for just £229 | |
| Wasgamuwa National Park | £60 |
| End of the World Hike | £60 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

BENTOTA BEACH

2 NIGHTS FROM £150

HOTEL IN BENTOTA

CINNAMON BEY



Located on a palm-fringed beach to the north of Bentota, Cinnamon Bey is the perfect spot to unwind after your Sri Lankan road trip. Each room has an en suite bathroom, air conditioning and a private terrace, with either garden or ocean views. There are two large swimming pools, a poolside bar and a restaurant.

BENTOTA BEACH BY CINNAMON



The hotel has heritage dating back to the 1960s, when the building was first designed by celebrated Sri Lankan architect Geoffrey Bawa. The comfortable en suite rooms have air conditioning and views to either the garden or the pool, from a private balcony. There are four restaurants serving a mix of international and local cuisine, a number of bars, two swimming pools and spa.



Enjoy sea views whilst dining in the Cinnamon Bey



Relax by the pool at the Bentota Beach Hotel



Bentota lies on a 4 kilometre stretch of the Indian Ocean

This laid back beach town is the perfect place to conclude your trip. What started out as a small Portuguese fort at the mouth of the Bentota River, later became the location of a colonial rest house for Dutch officers. Today the town is still very much a place of rest. Walking along the vast open beach, you won't find any bars or restaurants, only well-spaced hotels and villas. Many of these buildings were designed by Geoffrey Bawa, one of the most influential architects of the twentieth century, who pioneered a spacious and comfortable style known as "tropical modernism". Bentota provides an ideal setting to sit back and relax, swim in the pool or take a long walk across the vast sandy shores of the Indian Ocean.

After Splendours of Sri Lanka, extend your stay in Bentota to three or more nights, before returning to Colombo for your flight back to the UK.

Day 12 (Mon) Bentota A free day to relax on the palm-fringed beaches of Bentota. Take some time to explore the secluded coastline, or stay at your hotel and enjoy a drink by the pool.

Day 13 (Tue) Bentota A further day to relax in the sleepy beach town of Bentota. Enjoy your final day at leisure in this peaceful tropical idyll.

Day 14 (Wed) Colombo A two-hour journey from Bentota beach to Colombo airport to catch your flight to the UK.

Day 15 (Thu) Arrive in the UK.



Lobby, Bentota Beach by Cinnamon



Poolside terrace, Bentota Beach by Cinnamon



The Cinnamon Bey is located right on the beachfront

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| Bentota Beach Extension | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 2 extra nights | each extra night | single supplement per night |
| Cinnamon Bey | £150 | £75 | £75 |
| Cinnamon Beach | £290 | £145 | £230 |
| Board: bed and breakfast | | | |
| Ask us for 2024 rates | | | |

INDIA

India is home to an incredible breadth of diversity, in its culture, its landscapes and its wildlife. There is so much to discover in this phenomenal country. The nation's history is rich with stories.

Start your trip in the bustling streets of Delhi, where you can visit the final resting place of Mahatma Gandhi. Marvel at the Taj Mahal in Agra, one of the seven modern wonders of the world. Look for Royal Bengali tigers and elephants in Ranthambore National Park.

Then travel into Rajasthan, whose name means "Land of Kings". When viewing the region's majestic palaces, it's not hard to see why. Colour distinguishes Rajasthan's major cities, with Jaipur known as the "Pink City", Jodhpur the "Blue City". Udaipur is known as the "City of Lakes", and is considered to be India's most romantic city.

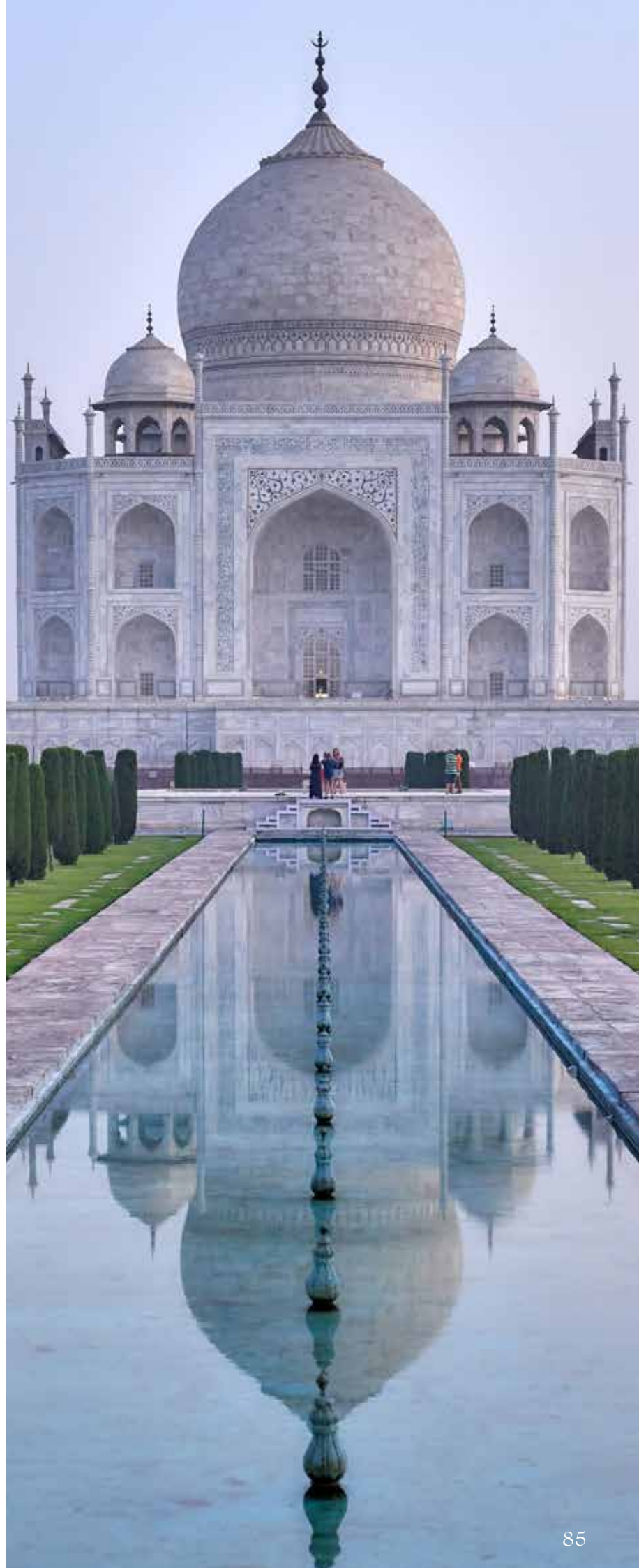
India is the birthplace of three of the world's major religions, Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism, and remains an important pilgrimage site for all three. Heading north, you can visit the Golden Temple in Amritsar, a holy site for Sikhs. Further north still, in the foothills of the Himalayas is Dharamshala, the current residence of the Dalai Lama. Down from the mountains and to the east is Varanasi, an important site for all three religions, but especially for Hindus. In the evenings you can watch priests raise burning lamps on the ghats of the River Ganges, as part of their daily rituals.



WHEN TO GO

The best time to visit India is October to April, avoiding the Indian monsoon season which lasts from June to September. The dry season is also when temperatures are cooler.

| | | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
|-------------|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Delhi | Average max temp (°C) | 18 | 23 | 28 | 36 | 39 | 37 | 34 | 33 | 33 | 31 | 27 | 21 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 7 | 11 | 15 | 22 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 24 | 19 | 13 | 8 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 17 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Jaipur | Average max temp (°C) | 22 | 25 | 31 | 37 | 40 | 39 | 34 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 29 | 24 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 7 | 10 | 15 | 21 | 25 | 27 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 19 | 13 | 8 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 23 | 80 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dharamshala | Average max temp (°C) | 11 | 13 | 18 | 24 | 28 | 27 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 21 | 18 | 14 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 2 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 19 | 17 | 12 | 9 | 5 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 11 | 15 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 34 | 28 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 5 |



TAJ, TIGERS & TEMPLES

DELHI AGRA RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK AGRA

11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS FROM £1999



HOTELS

THE SURYAA, DELHI

A comfortable, modern hotel with a pool, gym and spa. The well-appointed en suite rooms are air conditioned.

THE CLARIDGES, DELHI

An elegant hotel with spacious en suite rooms with air conditioning and Victorian hardwood decor. Features grand dining halls, a pool, and one of the oldest bakeries in Delhi.

THE TRIDENT, AGRA

Located just a mile from the Taj Mahal, the Trident is constructed with red stone in the Mughal style. The hotel's en suite rooms are air conditioned, and there is a pool, gym, restaurant and bar.

ITC MUGHAL, AGRA

Set in a peaceful landscape of manicured Mughal gardens, this superior hotel offers a pool, spa, bar and a range of dining facilities. The hotel's spacious en suite rooms are air conditioned and elegantly appointed.

RANTHAMBORE REGENCY, RANTHAMBORE

A family-run hotel with a relaxed and personal touch. The airy rooms have air conditioning and en suite facilities. The hotel has a pool, garden, and is full board.

THE TIGRESS, RANTHAMBORE

A superior hotel whose design pays homage to Rajasthan's royal palaces. The hotel's modern well-appointed en suite rooms have air conditioning and a heritage feel. All meals are included.

THE TRIDENT, JAIPUR

The Trident looks out upon Mansagar Lake and Jal Mahal. There is a pool, spa and gym, and the comfortable en suite rooms have air conditioning.

SAMODE HAVELI, JAIPUR

An opulent Indian mansion, intricately decorated and extravagantly furnished. You can dine in the hotel's intimate private courtyards, or lounge by the pool. The en suite rooms are air conditioned and well appointed.

VIVANTA DWARKA, DELHI

A modern hotel situated near the airport. The multi-cuisine restaurants serve up popular dishes from East Asian to Italian, and there is a pool and a bar. The comfortable en suite rooms are air conditioned.



Look for tigers in Ranthambore National Park

This holiday gives you a taste of some of the incredible sights this country has to offer. Visit the Taj Mahal, the stunning monument built by Shah Jahan to express his undying love for his wife. Ride through the busy backstreets of Delhi on the back of a rickshaw, and visit the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated.

In Ranthambore National Park you can look for some of the wildlife that India is famous for. Royal

Bengal tigers, leopards, striped hyenas, sloth bears, crocodiles and a wealth of exotic birdlife live here. Once a royal hunting ground for the Maharajahs of Jaipur, the park now focuses on conservation.

Jaipur is home to some of India's finest palaces, with incredibly intricate façades and ornately decorated courtyards. It is known as the "Pink City" for its beautiful pink sandstone buildings.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Fri) Overnight flight from the UK to Delhi.

Day 2 (Sat) Delhi Arrive in Delhi. You are met and transferred to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 3 (Sun) Delhi A free day to explore Delhi, or take the optional Old Delhi City Tour excursion, which takes you through the city's major sites.

Day 4 (Mon) Delhi - Agra After breakfast, take the two-hour express train to Agra where you visit the Agra Fort and learn about the great Mughal monarchs who once ruled over the city (1 night).

Day 5 (Tue) Agra - Ranthambore Start the day early to catch the sun rise over the Taj Mahal. Take the time to explore this stunning monument to eternal love, built by Emperor Shah Jahan in remembrance of his beloved wife Mumtaz. After the tour of the Taj, drive to Bharatpur for lunch, then board the train for Ranthambore. Arriving in the late afternoon (2 nights).

Day 6 (Wed) Ranthambore Wake early for a morning game drive in Ranthambore National Park in a six-person safari vehicle. This former royal hunting ground is home to tigers, leopards, marsh crocodiles and more, although the size of the park means that it can be difficult to spot. Return to the hotel for lunch and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. If you'd like another opportunity to see the wildlife, take our optional Afternoon Game Drive.

Day 7 (Thu) Ranthambore - Jaipur After breakfast, take a four hour transfer to Jaipur. You arrive in the early afternoon, then have the rest of the day to relax, or explore the city at your own pace (3 nights).

Day 8 (Fri) Jaipur A free day to explore Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan or take the optional Amber Fort excursion to visit the opulent hilltop palace, and spend the morning exploring the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls.

Day 9 (Sat) Jaipur Another free day to explore Jaipur or take the optional Jaipur City Tour to visit two of the city's most beautiful palaces: Hawa Mahal, and the City Palace, where the Jaipur royal family still resides.

Day 10 (Sun) Jaipur - Delhi After breakfast at the hotel take a five-hour transfer to Delhi. Lunch is included. Stay near the airport, convenient for your flight the next day (1 night).

Day 11 (Mon) Delhi Fly to the UK, arriving in the evening.

Extend your holiday with a visit to the River Ganges in Varansi; Amritsar and the foothills of the Himalayas at Dharamshala; or the highlights of Rajasthan. See pages 88 - 90 for further details.



The India Gate was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens



Hawa Mahal in Jaipur is known as "Palace of Winds" for its many windows



Some 20,000 people were involved in the construction of the Taj Mahal

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

OLD DELHI CITY TOUR

The day begins at Humayun's Tomb, followed by a rickshaw ride through narrow lanes of the Chandni Chowk Market, famous for clothes, spices and street food. Lunch is included at a restaurant. As you leave the market, stop at the Red Fort for a photo, before continuing to Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Spend some time in the Gandhi Smriti Museum learning about his incredible story. Drive past the Presidential Palace, former residence of the British Viceroy, and the India Gate war memorial. Finish your tour with a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site Qutub Minar, a 62-meter decorated tower in the midst of Delhi's oldest fortified city. Return to your hotel in the early evening.

RANTHAMBORE AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE

Another opportunity to try to spot some of the phenomenal wildlife in Ranthambore National Park. Look out for Royal Bengal tigers in their natural habitat. Other park residents include marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, eagles, desert foxes and leopards. There are 40 species of mammals, 35 species of reptiles and 320 species of bird that inhabit the reserve. Tour the park in a six-seater safari jeep with an experienced naturalist guide. The wildlife, and tigers in particular, can be difficult to spot, so by returning in the afternoon you maximise your chance of seeing these incredible felines.

JAIPUR AMBER FORT

In the morning, depart for the hilltop fortress at Amer, on the outskirts of Jaipur, where a jeep will take you to entrance at the top of the hill. Once inside, explore the ornately decorated halls and corridors of this extensive palace complex. There are four main sections to the fort, each with its own courtyard. The oldest of these is the palace on Man Singh I which was completed in 1599 after 25 years of construction. The fort was then added to over the next 150 years by successive rulers, and new sections were built. Return to your hotel in time for lunch.

JAIPUR CITY TOUR

The morning tour starts with a stop at Hawa Mahal to admire its intricate pink sandstone facade. The five-story frontage has 952 windows, decorated with intricate latticework so that the royal ladies could observe the streetlife without being seen. These windows also have the effect of drawing cool air into the building, which is why the palace is named "palace of winds". Continue to the City Palace, where the Jaipur royal family still resides. The palace is an elaborate complex of exquisite gardens, grand courtyards and decorated halls. After visiting the palace, take a walk through the Jaipur Bazaar, to experience the local markets. Then return to your hotel in time for lunch.



The Surya, Delhi



The Trident, Agra



Ranthambore Regency



Samode Haveli, Jaipur



The Claridges, Delhi



ITC Mughal, Agra



The Tigress, Ranthambore



Vivanta Dwarka, Delhi

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Taj, Tigers & Temples (9 nights) | |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Date of departure | |
| 20 October 2023 | 2049 |
| 17 November 2023 | 1999 |
| 19 January 2024 | 2099 |
| 9 February 2024 | 2149 |
| 1 March 2024 | 2099 |
| 22 March 2024 | 2049 |
| Single supplement | 375 |

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| New Delhi | The Surya |
| Agra | Trident Agra |
| Ranthambore | Regency Ranthambore |
| Jaipur | Trident Jaipur |
| Delhi airport | Vivanta Dwarka |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except in the Regency Ranthambore, which is full board

| Superior hotels | Supplement |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Delhi | Claridges £120 (£240 single) |
| Agra | ITC Mughal £60 (£120 single) |
| Rantham. | The Tigress £70 (£140 single) |
| Jaipur | Samode Haveli £360 (£720 single) |

Special Offer: Upgrade in Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore and Jaipur for only £549 (£1099 single)

| Optional Excursions | |
|------------------------|------|
| Old Delhi City Tour | £45 |
| Ranthambore Game Drive | £100 |
| Jaipur Amber Fort | £20 |
| Jaipur City Tour | £20 |

Special Offer:
all four excursions for just £149

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking



The Trident, Jaipur

HOTELS

RATAN VILAS HOTEL, JODHPUR



A peaceful hotel with a courtyard, pool, garden, bar and restaurant. The elegant en suite rooms are spacious and air conditioned.

AJIT BHAWAN, JODHPUR



The residence of a former Prime Minister, the hotel oozes opulence with a pool, bar and open-air restaurant. The en suite rooms have air conditioning and period furniture.

ROHET GARH, ROHET



A heritage hotel redolent of a fortified palace with manicured gardens, pool, bar and terrace restaurant. The en suite rooms are spacious and air conditioned.

FATEH NIWAS, UDAIPUR



A well-positioned hotel, restaurant, bar and rooftop pool terrace with panoramic vistas of the lakes. Comfortable en suite rooms are air conditioned.

THE TRIDENT, UDAIPUR



A picturesque hotel on the shores of Lake Pichola with a pool and several dining options. The en suite air conditioned rooms are elegantly furnished.

EXTENSIONS IN INDIA

ROYAL RAJASTHAN

5 NIGHTS FROM £949



Udaipur is known as India's most romantic city

The state of Rajasthan is the largest in all India, and is home to a vast range of landscapes and cultures. Travel from Jaipur to Jodhpur, India's "Blue City", whose beautiful palaces, forts and temples stand in stark contrast to the desert landscape that surrounds them. From there visit Rohet Garh, a 350-year-old fort-turned-hotel on the edge of the

Great Thar Desert. On the way, get a taste of rural village life with a tour of the local countryside.

Visit the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur, renowned for its vast and intricate marble carvings, then finish in Udaipur, India's most romantic city, where ornate pink palaces overlook a series of placid lakes.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - 9 (Fri - Sat) Follow the itinerary on page 86.

Day 10 (Sun) Jodhpur Depart in the morning and drive six hours to Jodhpur, also known as the "Blue City" for its painted houses. Arrive in the afternoon and spend the rest of the day at leisure (2 nights).

Day 11 (Mon) Jodhpur Visit the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort which overlooks the city from a high hilltop. Also stop by the marble monument known as Jaswant Thada, before finishing your tour with a stroll through the colourful Sadar Bazaar.



Day 12 (Tue) Jodhpur - Rohet After breakfast set off for Rohet Garh, a 350-year-old fort run by the Maharaja and his family. En route, drive through rural villages of Rajasthan. Check into the Rohet Gahr, a historic hotel, and spend the rest of the day at leisure (1 night).

Day 13 (Wed) Rohet - Udaipur Drive four hours to Udaipur, the "City of Lakes", considered one of the most romantic cities in India. Along the way, visit the elaborately-carved marble temples of Ranakpur. The site is the largest Jain temple complex in India, and is full of devotional art. Arrive in Udaipur in the afternoon and have the rest of the afternoon to relax (2 nights).

Day 14 (Thu) Udaipur Explore Rajasthan's most scenic city. Your tour begins with the City Palace and Museum, the largest palace complex in India. Then visit the Jagdish temple before driving around the Fatehsagar Lake. The tour ends with a trip to the ornamental pleasure gardens known as Sahelion Ki Bari.

Day 15 (Fri) Udaipur-Delhi Fly back to Delhi, where you stay near the airport (1 night).

Day 16 (Sat) Delhi Fly to the UK.

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| Royal Rajasthan (5 nights) | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| £949 (£1249 single) | |
| Standard hotels included in prices above | |
| Jodhpur | Ratan Vilas |
| Rohet | Rohet Garh |
| Udaipur | Fateh Niwas |
| Superior hotels | Supplement |
| Jodhpur | Ajit Bhawan £100 (£200 single) |
| Udaipur | The Trident £40 (£60 single) |
| Accommodation is bed and breakfast. | |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate these extensions. | |



No prizes for guessing why Jodhpur is called the "Blue City"

HIMALAYAS & THE GOLDEN TEMPLE

6 NIGHTS FROM £999



The Golden Temple is covered with almost 400kg of gold leaf

The Golden Temple in Amritsar is one of the holiest sites in Sikhism, a fact which is reflected in its incredible splendour. Built with gleaming white marble and overlaid with gold leaf, the temple sits in the centre of a placid man-made lake. Watch the border display at Pakistan's and India's only open land border crossing, where the two nations' security forces engage in elaborate drills as they lower their

flags for the day. Visit the Partition Museum to learn about the history of the two countries.

Travel to Dharamshala, a unique mix of Tibetan, British and Himachali cultures. Situated in the foothills of the Himalayas, this colonial city is now the home of the Dalai Lama, and is a major pilgrimage site for Buddhists.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sat) Overnight flight from the UK to Delhi.

Day 2 (Sun) **Delhi** Arrive in Delhi. You are met and transferred to your hotel (1 night).

Day 3 (Mon) **Delhi - Amritsar** Take the express train from Delhi to Amritsar, arriving in the afternoon. In the evening, travel to the Golden Temple to witness the Palki Ceremony (2 nights).

Day 4 (Tue) **Amritsar** Start the day with a visit to the Golden temple, the spiritual nerve centre of the Sikh faith. See the community kitchen, which feeds over 75,000 people daily. Next, travel to the Partition Museum, which tells the story of the British partition of India and its consequences. In the afternoon, travel to the India / Pakistan border to watch the dramatic retreat ceremony, where the Indian Border Security force and the Pakistani Sotlej Rangers, put on a theatrical performance.

Day 5 (Wed) **Amritsar - Dharamshala** After breakfast, take the 4.5 hour drive up to Dharamshala, an important Buddhist centre and home to the Dalai Lama, in the foothills of the Himalayas. Dharamshala was founded by the British to serve as a summer retreat, and you still find colonial buildings (3 nights).

Day 6 (Thu) **Dharamshala** Set out on a tour of Dharamshala, a spiritual centre for Buddhists and Hindus alike. Visit the Bhagsunag Temple, Norbulingka Monastery, Gyuto Monastery, St. John's Church and follow the sacred Kora circuit round the Dalai Lama's residence. Return to your hotel in the afternoon and have the rest of the day to relax.

Day 7 (Fri) **Dharamshala** A free day to explore the city or perhaps take a hike in the surrounding mountains.

Day 8 (Sat) **Dharamshala -Delhi** Transfer to the airport in Dharamshala for your flight to Delhi. Then follow the itinerary on page 86.



Dharamshala sits in the foothills of the Himalayas



Enjoy views of the mountains from the city



Witness the extravagant border-closing ceremony with Pakistan



The Golden Temple is the holiest site in Sikhism



HOTEL IN AMRITSAR

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT



Situated in the city of Amritsar, the hotel is well placed to explore the sights. The comfortable en suite rooms are air conditioned and there is a pool, spa, gym, and restaurant.

HOTEL IN DHARAMSHALA

FORTUNE PARK MOKSHA



Nestled in the scenic Strawberry Hills with views of the Dhauladhar mountains. The en-suite rooms are well appointed. There is a pool, gym, spa and restaurant.

INDIA

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Himalayas & The Golden Temple (6 nights) | |
| £999 (£1299 single) | |
| Standard hotels included in prices above | |
| Amritsar | Courtyard by Marriott |
| Dharamshala | Fortune Park Moksha |
| Accommodation is bed and breakfast. | |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate these extensions. | |

THE SACRED GANGES

3 NIGHTS FROM £649



HOTEL IN VARANASI

THE RADISSON, VARANASI



A comfortable modern hotel in a good position to explore the city. The warmly decorated rooms are air conditioned with en suite bathrooms. There are two restaurants serving local and international dishes.

TAJ GANGES, VARANASI



A superior hotel with a refined charm. The plush en-suite rooms are bright, airy and spacious and have air conditioning. There are attractive gardens, a restaurant, pool, spa and fitness facilities.



Priests hold lamps for the evening arti ritual

Extend your holiday in India with a visit to one of its most sacred cities. Varanasi's unique culture is deeply associated with the River Ganges, where life and death intermingle. The living flock to the ghats by the river to pray, with the belief that bathing in the sacred waters will bring remission of their sins. The dead are cremated on the river, and their ashes are scattered in the water to break the cycle of reincarnation and let the soul rise to enlightenment.

A visit to Varanasi is unlike any other place on earth. You will get to experience the religious ceremonies first hand on the banks of the River Ganges. The river holds a central place in the Hindu world, as an important pilgrimage site, and in the Buddhist world as the location of Buddha's first sermon. Varanasi was also visited by Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. Varanasi is one of the world's oldest continually inhabited cities.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - 10 (Fri - Sun) Follow the itinerary on page 86.

Day 11 (Mon) Delhi - Varanasi Fly from Delhi to Varanasi. Upon arrival, your guide will take you to your hotel for check-in. In the afternoon, take a tour of the Sarnath ruins, marked by the Dhamekh Stupa, supposedly built on the site where Buddha gave his first sermon. Explore the ruins of the monasteries and the remains of the Ashoka Pillar which once stood over 20 metres high. In the evening, witness an illuminated ritual performed at Dashashwamedh Ghat on the shores of the River Ganges. The priests stand on a wooden platform in the water, whilst the river is worshipped with flowers, incense, drums and chanting. Many flaming lamps are set on the water as an offering (2 nights).

Day 12 (Tue) Varanasi Start the day with a sunrise boat

ride on the Ganges. Watch the purification rituals take place on the banks, as locals bathe themselves in the sacred waters to cleanse themselves of sin. After the boat tour, visit the Banaras Hindu University, the largest university in all of Asia, followed by a visit to the Vishwanath Temple. In the late afternoon, a guide will take you on a walking tour to Bengali Toga, whilst explaining the symbiotic relationship between the different religions of the people of Varanasi. Here you will visit the hidden mother goddess Kali shrines.

Day 13 (Wed) Varanasi - Delhi After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Delhi (1 night).

Day 14 (Thu) Delhi Fly to the UK.

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Sacred Ganges | |
| (3 nights) | |
| £649 (£799 single) | |
| Standard hotels included in prices above | |
| Varanasi | Radisson Varanasi |
| Delhi | Vivanta Dwarka |
| Superior hotels <i>Supplement</i> | |
| Varanasi | Taj Ganges £60 (£120 single) |
| Accommodation is bed and breakfast. | |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate these extensions. | |



Hindu Holy Men known as Sadhus cover themselves in ash



Washing in the Ganges is said to purify you of sin



Lamps raised as part of an arti



The Ganges holds special significance within Hinduism

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Within Vietnam's narrow borders there is a wealth of natural beauty, ancient history and cultural diversity. Whether you're gliding through the narrow, palm-lined waterways of the Mekong Delta, or cycling through the undulating terraced hills of Pu Luong, you'll be stunned at the landscapes of this phenomenal country.

Vietnam is also renowned for its delicious street food, which in recent years has spread past its borders and onto the plates of international diners. You may have already tried dishes like Pho, or Banh Mi, or if you're more adventurous, egg coffee.

Vietnam has strong Chinese influences, and Champa and Khmer cultures have also played into national identity. In more recent history, French colonial rule has left its mark on the country with European buildings in cities like Hanoi. The effects of former north-south divide can also be felt, particularly in Hue, which was once a border town between the socialist and capitalist sides.

Nearby Cambodia is home to one of the world's greatest man-made structures. The temple complex of Angkor Wat is the largest in the world and its ornate spires and intricate reliefs tell stories of ancient kings and mythical deities.



WHEN TO GO

Vietnam is a long and narrow country, with a climate that varies as you travel from south to north. The south experiences consistently warm temperatures year-round, with a rainy season over our summer. Meanwhile the north is slightly cooler in the winters, also experiencing a rainy season during the summer months. The best time to visit is from November until May, when the country is driest and temperatures are milder.

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| Ho Chi Minh | Av. max temp (°C) | 32 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | |
| | Av. min temp (°C) | 22 | 23 | 24 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 16 | 12 | 4 |
| Hanoi | Av. max temp (°C) | 19 | 19 | 23 | 26 | 31 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 28 | 24 | 21 |
| | Av. min temp (°C) | 15 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 22 | 19 | 15 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 6 | 3 |
| Siem Reap | Av. max temp (°C) | 30 | 32 | 34 | 35 | 34 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 29 |
| | Av. min temp (°C) | 22 | 23 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 22 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 17 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 12 | 3 | 1 |





VIETNAM SOUTH TO NORTH

HO CHI MINH CITY HUE HOI AN HANOI

HANOI LAN HA BAY (HALONG BAY)

12 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS FROM £2199

HOTELS IN VIETNAM

NORTHERN CHARM, HO CHI MINH CITY



A comfortable hotel with well-appointed en suite rooms with air conditioning. There is a rooftop bar, swimming pool and restaurant with panoramic views.

PILGRIMAGE VILLAGE, HUE



Located in the countryside, the hotel provides a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. The hotel boasts a 48m swimming pool, a smaller peanut shaped pool, a spa, two restaurants and a bar. The comfortable en suite rooms are air conditioned.

BEL MARINA, HOI AN



This comfortable and stylish hotel is on the banks of the Thu Bon River, just a few minutes walk from the ancient town. The en suite rooms are modern and air conditioned. The hotel has four restaurants, a pool and bar.



Train street, Hanoi



Lan Ha Bay is characterised by tall limestone islets.

Vietnam is a land rich in cultural and geographical delights. From the bustling and chaotic streets of Ho Chi Minh City, to the ethereal waters of Lan Ha Bay, this trip will show you the many faces of this mesmerising country. Start your journey in the south, where, the frenzied commercial hub of Ho Chi Minh City never sleeps. Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels to see the vast subterranean network dug by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. This ingenious maze of tunnels housed kitchens, hospitals and even schools.

Next travel to Hue, the last imperial city. Explore the ancient citadel, and sample some of the fine street

food that Vietnam has to offer. Then travel over the breathtaking Hai Van pass to the sleepy city of Hoi An, and visit My Son to see secluded jungle temples. Continue northwards to the capital, Hanoi, where the architecture is a mix of colourful French colonial streetfronts and traditional Vietnamese monuments.

End the tour with a cruise through the mystical limestone islets in the Gulf of Tonkin at Lan Ha Bay. Located next to Halong Bay, Lan Ha has the same karst formations and limestone cliffs rising out of the seas, but with fewer visitors.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Fri) Overnight flight from the UK to Vietnam.

Day 2 (Sat) Ho Chi Minh Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, where you are met and taken to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 3 (Sun) Ho Chi Minh A free day to explore the city. Alternatively take the optional Vietnam War Tunnels excursion, and explore the immense hidden tunnel network that the Viet Cong used during the Vietnam war. Return to your hotel and enjoy an afternoon at leisure, perhaps visiting the War Museum.

Day 4 (Mon) Ho Chi Minh - Hue Fly to Hue, once the imperial capital which features stunning palaces, royal tombs, pagodas and temples. In the evening take our optional Hue Street Eats excursion, and sample some of Vietnam's fine culinary delights (2 nights).

Day 5 (Tue) Hue A free day to explore Hue for yourself. Alternatively, take the optional Imperial City excursion and learn about the luxurious and secretive world of the royal court. You start by visiting the Imperial Citadel, as your guide explains the history of the last royal dynasty of Vietnam. Then head to a Buddhist monastery for a tour of the historic pagoda followed by lunch with the monks.

Day 6 (Wed) Hoi An Depart Hue in the morning and drive over the breathtaking Hai Van Pass to Hoi An. This remarkable stretch of mountain road passes through dramatic peaks and looks out over the East Vietnam Sea. In the afternoon, enjoy a walking tour through this cosy and atmospheric town (2 nights).

Day 7 (Thu) Hoi An Enjoy a free day at leisure to discover the city of Hoi An. Perhaps take a walk through the

charming UNESCO world heritage site of the old town, or take a boat on the river. Alternatively, take the optional My Son Jungle Temples excursion and visit one of Vietnam's greatest archaeological sites. The elaborate jungle temple complex was built by the Champa Civilisation, and features strong Hindu influences.

Day 8 (Fri) Hoi An - Hanoi Take a morning flight to Hanoi, then have the afternoon to explore the capital for yourself, or take the Old Quarter optional excursion to learn more about the fabulous architecture and colourful history of Hanoi's ancient streets (1 night).

Day 9 (Sat) Hanoi - Lan Ha Bay Drive to Lan Ha Bay, where stunning limestone islets rise from the clear emerald water of the gulf of Tonkin. Board your ship and enjoy lunch as you start your cruise through the mysterious rocky pillars. Visit a floating fishing village, go kayaking, and enjoy the stunning views. Stay overnight on board the ship (1 night).

Day 10 (Sun) Lan Ha Bay - Hanoi There is a Tai Chi class available on board for early risers, then breakfast is served whilst the boat continues cruising through islets and sea caves. Once you disembark, drive back to Hanoi, arriving in the afternoon with some more time to explore the capital (1 night).

Day 11 (Mon) Hanoi Fly to the UK.

Day 12 (Tue) Arrival in the UK.

Extend your holiday with a trip to Angkor Wat, the Mekong Delta, or rural Vietnam. See pages 94 - 96 for further details.



The "Japanese Covered Bridge" in Hoi An was built in the 1590s to connect the Japanese and Chinese quarters of the old town

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

VIETNAM WAR TUNNELS

Visit the complex and expansive tunnel network that was dug by Viet Cong guerillas during the Vietnam war. Drive 1.5 hours north west from Ho Chi Minh through the lush Vietnamese countryside to get to the tunnels. Your guide will walk you through the history of the site and you will have several opportunities to clamber through the tunnels for yourself, though this is entirely up to you. For those who choose to stay above ground there are plenty of easily accessible rooms and excavated areas to visit. After the tour, have lunch in a nearby restaurant then return to your hotel, where you have the rest of the day to relax or explore the city.

HUE STREET EATS

A great way to explore the bustling streets of Hue is to spend the evening sampling the best of Vietnam's famous street food. Your guide will take you to several spots around the town to try some authentic Vietnamese treats. After a basic introduction to Hue's cuisine, visit the local eateries to taste various dishes, perhaps including Banh Beo, Banh Nam, and Banh Loc (varieties of soft rice cake), before continuing your culinary journey into the beating heart of Hue. Stop at a bustling food stall where you may try Nem Lui (Vietnamese grilled pork), Bun Thit Nuong, and Banh Khoai (crispy Hue-style pancakes) with traditional peanut sauce. For desert, why not try Che, a sweet colourful soup that's a favourite among Hue locals?



Ruins of the My Son Sanctuary



Hanoi Old Quarter, Hang Ma Street is famous for paper lanterns

IMPERIAL CITY

Discover Hue's royal and religious roots on this cultural city tour. Start the day with a trip to the Imperial Citadel, where the king of Vietnam's last royal dynasty ruled until 1945. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the complex is home to palaces, temples and gardens. Admire the stunning royal architecture whilst your guide explains the fascinating history of the royal court. For lunch, travel to a historic pagoda on a hill with views of the surrounding jungle. The head nun will give you a glimpse of life inside the Buddhist monastery, before you join the monks nearby for a vegetarian lunch made from natural ingredients.

MY SON JUNGLE TEMPLES

Take a trip to one of Vietnam's greatest archaeological sites in the heart of the jungle. The temples are set in a small clearing in a narrow and misty valley surrounded by mountains. Bright green ferns emanate from the cracks in the temples' ornate façades and pale lichens creep up the deep red pillars. The site was once the prosperous capital of the Champa civilisation, which ruled in central Vietnam from the 4th to the 13th century. On this tour you will learn all about Champa culture, and how the temples were devoted to Hindu divinities, particularly Shiva.

HANOI OLD QUARTER

Discover Hanoi's old quarter on this late-afternoon walking tour. Delve into tiny and bustling alleys with names like "Silk Street" and "Jewellery Street". Known as the "36 streets of 36 wares", this area was once the business centre of Hanoi, home to all kinds of traditional industries and trades. The streets still bear the names they had in the 15th century. On this tour you will also visit the old quarter's residential areas, and learn about how the city changed during the socialist period. You will also have the opportunity to try out some local specialities.



Hue was Vietnam's last imperial city

HOTELS IN VIETNAM

LE JARDIN, HANOI



Located between the West Lake and Hanoi's Old Quarter, the hotel is an excellent base from which to explore the capital. The sleek and comfortable en-suite rooms come with air conditioning. The hotel has a restaurant, spa, sky bar, pool and art gallery. On some dates the Hotel Le Jardin Haute Couture is used.

PEONY CRUISE, LAN HA BAY



A modern cruise ship with stylish and comfortable cabins. The upper deck features a small pool with a jacuzzi, as well as ample space enjoy the view. There is a restaurant and bar with large picture windows. Cabins all have en suite facilities and air conditioning. All meals are included onboard.

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Vietnam South to North (9 nights) | |
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| 10 November 2023 | 2199 |
| 12 January 2024 | 2279 |
| 2 February 2024 | 2309 |
| 23 February 2024 | 2309 |
| 15 March 2024 | 2279 |
| 5 April 2024 | 2379 |
| 26 April 2024 | 2279 |
| 17 May 2024 | 2229 |
| 2023 single supplement | 400 |
| 2024 single supplement | 450 |

Standard hotels included in prices above

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| Ho Chi Minh | Northern Charm |
| Hue | Pilgrimage Village |
| Hoi An | Bel Marina |
| Hanoi | Le Jardin |
| Lan Ha Bay | Peony Cruises |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except on the Peony Cruise, which is full board
Hotels vary on some dates. See our website or call us for more details

Optional Excursions

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| Vietnam War Tunnels | £65 |
| Hue Street Eats | £55 |
| Imperial City | £60 |
| My Son Jungle Temples | £35 |
| Hanoi Old Quarter | £30 |

Special Offer:

all five excursions for just £199

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

ANGKOR WAT

3 NIGHTS FROM £679



HOTEL IN SIEM REAP

LOTUS BLANC RESORT



Situated only minutes from the Angkor archaeological park, the Lotus Blanc Resort is the ideal base from which to explore the sights of Siem Reap. The comfortable en suite rooms are air conditioned. This serene and comfortable hotel features a spa, a gym, and an outdoor swimming pool surrounded by coconut trees.



There are over 200 stone faces in Angkor Thom



The Angkor archaeological park is the largest archaeological site in the world, covering an area bigger than modern-day Paris

Experience one of the most jaw-dropping archaeological sites in the world on this Cambodia extension. Start your trip with three days in Cambodia, taking the time to discover the grand temple complexes of Angkor. Then fly to Ho Chi Minh City and follow the Vietnam itinerary on page 92.

The Angkor temples are a testament to Khmer ingenuity, splendour and devotion. There are over 1,000 temples within this colossal site, the most famous of which is Angkor Wat, which, at 162 hectares, is said to be the largest religious monument in the world.

The ruins owe their expansiveness to the egos of the

Khmer "god-kings", who strove to build bigger and better monuments than their predecessors. The site was continually added to over the 300 years between 900 AD to 1200 AD, resulting in the sprawling and decadent temple complex that exists today.

The temples are meant to represent Mount Meru, the Mount Olympus of the Hindu faith, where all the gods live at the centre of the universe. Some parts of the site are also devoted to Buddhism, or to ancient kings.

Today the site is an important part of national consciousness, and the temples have become a pilgrimage destination for all Cambodians.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Tue) Overnight flight from the UK.

Day 2 (Wed) Siem Reap Arrive in Siem Reap, gateway to Cambodia's famous Angkor Temples. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel in town. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure (3 nights).

Day 3 (Thu) Siem Reap Explore some of Angkor's most beautiful temples. Start with a visit to the West Gate of Angkor Thom, a less-visited site. Here you see the Bayon Temple, where you are met by over 200 giant smiling stone faces on 54 towers. Explore the Baphuon Temple, Royal Enclosure, Elephant Terrace and more

before moving on to the fairytale ruins of Ta Prohm, where huge tubular tree roots envelop the stone roofs and pillars. The highlight of the tour is Angkor Wat, a world heritage site since 1992, famous for its incredible beauty. Finish the day in Pre Rup watching the sun set over the rice fields.

Day 4 (Fri) Siem Reap A free day to relax at your hotel, or perhaps return the temple complex to further explore this incredible site.

Day 5 - 15 (Sat - Tue) Fly from Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City and follow the itinerary on page 92.



Angkor Wat



Ta Prohm



Angkor Thom, East Gate



Angkor Wat has the longest bas-relief wall in the world

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

Angkor Wat
(3 nights)

£679 (£799 single)

An extra charge may be payable for rearranging flights back to the UK

Standard hotels included in prices above

Siem Reap Lotus Blanc

Accommodation is bed and breakfast.

A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate this extension.

RURAL VIETNAM

4 NIGHTS FROM £629



Cycle through the lush fields of Mai Chau

Finish your Vietnamese adventure in the peaceful hillside landscape of Mai Chau, one of the most idyllic regions of the country. Nestled in a mountainous valley of patchwork rice paddies south of Hanoi, this rural paradise provides the perfect setting to relax after your tour of Vietnam.

During your stay you will have the opportunity to explore the region in a variety of ways: leisurely cycle rides through verdant pasture,

countryside walks through winding farm tracks, and even bamboo raft rides down lazy rivers. Learn about the rural rhythms of life as you interact with local farmers, villagers and hill tribes.

The Mai Chau region is home to the Tai Don, known for their warm hospitality and excellent cooking. The Tai Don have Thai ancestors, who settled in north west Vietnam several centuries ago.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - 10 (Fri - Sun) Follow the itinerary on page 92.

Day 11 (Mon) Hanoi - Mai Chau Escape from the bustling streets of Hanoi into the peaceful mountains of Mai Chau. Your guide picks you up from Hanoi in the morning, and drive you to the Mai Hich village, where you enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon, visit some of the villages of the local Tai Don people, to learn about their culture and lifestyle. Walk along the stream through corn fields and rice paddies before taking a ride on a bamboo raft downriver. Check in to your hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy the evening at leisure (2 nights).

Day 12 (Tue) Mai Chau Start the day with a leisurely cycle around the village, taking in the picturesque landscape and rhythms of local life. Visit a local hill tribe to learn about their way of life planting rice, herding buffalo and building their traditional houses. After lunch, the rest of the day is yours to explore at your own pace, or relax at the hotel.

Day 13 (Wed) Mai Chau A morning to yourself to spend however you wish. After checking out of your hotel, enjoy a scenic drive to the Pu Luong Nature Reserve, via a breathtaking mountain pass. After lunch in Pu Luong, visit the rice terraces and have a chat with the local farmers, before heading to your hotel (1 night).

Day 14 (Thu) Pu Luong - Hanoi Start the day with a walk through scenic rice paddies and winding paths shrouded in vegetation. Pick up bicycles in Uoi village for a gentle loop around the stunning countryside, stopping off at the Hieu Waterfall en route. The cycle ride is around 12km long. Alternatively, explore the area on foot or relax around the beautiful hotel pool. After lunch, transfer back to Hanoi for a final night before your flight the next day (1 night).

Day 15 (Fri) Hanoi Depending on your flight time, perhaps explore Hanoi further before your flight to the UK.

Day 16 (Sat) Arrive in the UK.



The mountains of Pu Luong are filled with stunning rice paddies

HOTELS

MAI CHAU ECOLOGDE, MAI CHAU



The 43 rooms of the Mai Chau Ecolodge are set on a flower-lined hill in the scenic valley town of Na Phon. Facilities include a restaurant, spa, outdoor swimming pool and panorama bar. The en suite rooms all come with air conditioning and a ceiling fan.

PU LUONG RETREAT, PU LUONG



Tucked away on a hillside in the magnificent mountain ranges of Pu Luong, this comfortable eco retreat is embedded in rice fields and forest. The hotel has a cosy restaurant, and a hillside infinity pool with breathtaking views of the mountains. The en suite rooms have air conditioning.



Explore terraced hillsides of Pu Luong

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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|---|-------------------|
| Rural Vietnam | |
| (4 nights) | |
| £629 (£809 single) | |
| An extra charge may be payable for rearranging flights back to the UK | |
| Standard hotels included in prices above | |
| Mai Chau | Mai Chau Ecolodge |
| Pu Luong | Pu Luong Retreat |
| Hanoi | Le Jardin |
| Accommodation is bed and breakfast. | |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate these extensions. | |

MEKONG DELTA

2 NIGHTS FROM £379



HOTELS

MEKONG HOME, BEN TRE



Located in a sleepy village on the Ham Luong riverside, this rustic country escape is set in a lush tropical garden. The rooms are comfortable and spacious, with en-suite bathrooms and air conditioning. Meals are prepared using fresh local ingredients from around the delta.



Float through the natural waterways of the Mekong Delta

Get a taste of the Vietnamese countryside with a trip to the Mekong Delta. Experience the culture of the local people, and discover the timeless crafts and industries of the region. The landscape of the Mekong Delta is one of the most iconic in all of Vietnam.

Glide down the delta's narrow waterways in a traditional rowing boat, hemmed in by lush sprouting foliage, journeying next to rice paddies and tropical fruit farms. The Mekong basin is one of the richest areas of biodiversity in the world, only

surpassed by the Amazon rainforest.

On this trip you learn about the local culture first hand by meeting with local families and crafts people. Discover how the locals use every part of the coconut, and visit a local fish farm to learn about the species of catfish that populate the Mekong's murky waters. The traditional cooking demonstration shows you how the Vietnamese get the most out of their fresh local ingredients, and gives you the opportunity to try some of the local delicacies.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Wed) Ho Chi Minh Fly to Vietnam from the UK.

Day 2 (Thu) Ho Chi Minh Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City. You are met by your driver and escorted to your hotel. You have the rest of the day free to relax or explore the city (1 night).

Day 3 (Fri) Mekong Delta After breakfast, drive two hours to Ben Tre in the Mekong Delta. Board a boat and float next to rice paddies and fields of tropical fruit. Stop to take a tour of a family-run coconut farm, and learn how the farmers utilise every part of the coconut for candies and crafts. From here, take a bicycle (or tuk-tuk) tour of the village, followed by a ride in a traditional rowing boat through the narrow canals of the delta. After lunch at a riverside restaurant, you have some time to relax at your hotel, before an introduction to the local fishing trade. Return to the hotel in the afternoon for a Vietnamese cooking demonstration, and learn to make Banh Xeo, a local

favourite. After a hearty dinner, enjoy a lemongrass and ginger footbath, a local remedy said to relieve fatigue and soreness in the legs (1 night).

Day 4 (Sat) Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh Enjoy breakfast in the fresh air, then set off on a cycling trip to the island of Oc. The route is on a well-paved track lined with tropical fruit trees, and takes around 2.5 hours. For those who do not wish to cycle, other options are available. On the way you visit local markets and a weaving workshop, where the owner will teach you about different braiding techniques. Stop at a local catfish farm before heading to the pier for your boat back to the hotel.

Check out of your hotel around noon and drive back to Ho Chi Minh City (2 nights).

Day 5 - 14 (Sun - Tue) Follow the itinerary on page 92.



Learn about traditional Vietnamese crafts

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Mekong Delta (2 nights) |
| £379 (£459 single) |
| An extra charge may be payable for rearranging flights from the UK |
| Standard hotels included in prices above |
| Mekong Delta Mekong Home |
| Ho Chi Minh Northern Charm |
| Accommodation is bed and breakfast. |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate these extensions. |



Visit a coconut farm on your boat tour of the Mekong, and learn how the locals utilise every part of the plant

MOROCCO

Just a few hours flight from the UK, Morocco is at the crossroads of Europe and Africa, and is a country rich in contrasts, with a fascinating history, vibrant cultures and beautiful landscapes.

The historical imperial cities of Rabat, Fes, Meknes and Marrakech contain bustling souks and maze-like medinas, with rich colours, sounds and smells. The geographic extremes of the country provide a rich seam of adventure, from the Atlas Mountains, the vastness of the Sahara Desert and the colourful fishing boats on the Atlantic coastline, Watch the night sky from a desert camp, explore historical kasbahs, and enjoying the hospitality of the locals in the Berber mountain villages.

The country is a melting pot of Arab, African, Berber and European cultures, and it's hard to believe that Morocco is within such easy reach of Europe.



WHEN TO GO

The best time to visit Morocco is from September to May, when the weather is cooler than the hottest months of June to August. Rain is rare, but temperatures can drop at night, especially in the High Atlas Mountains.

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|-----------|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Marrakech | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 19 | 20 | 23 | 25 | 29 | 33 | 37 | 36 | 32 | 28 | 23 | 19 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 7 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 19 | 16 | 11 | 8 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Fes | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 16 | 17 | 20 | 22 | 26 | 31 | 35 | 35 | 31 | 26 | 20 | 17 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 6 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 17 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 14 | 10 | 7 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Erfoud | Average maximum temperature (°C) | 16 | 19 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 36 | 40 | 39 | 33 | 28 | 21 | 17 |
| | Average minimum temperature (°C) | 6 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 21 | 25 | 29 | 28 | 24 | 19 | 12 | 8 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |



GRAND TOUR OF MOROCCO

MARRAKECH CASABLANCA RABAT FES

ERFOUD ERG CHEBBI OUARZAZATE SAHARA DESERT

11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS FROM £1499 (NOT INCLUDING FLIGHTS)



HOTELS IN MOROCCO

KENZI MENARA PALACE, MARRAKECH



Located a short drive from Djemaa El-Fna, this comfortable hotel boasts tranquil gardens, a pool, good restaurants and a bar. En-suite rooms are spacious, decorated in traditional design and have air conditioning.

ODYSSEE CENTER HOTEL, CASABLANCA



A modern hotel with contemporary design located a short distance from Mohammed V Square. The hotel has two restaurants and a bar. Rooms are simply furnished with en-suite bathrooms and air conditioning.

HOTEL MERCURE SHERAZADE, RABAT



Situated in a quiet area in the heart of the capital, this hotel offers an outdoor pool and spa. The restaurant serves international dishes and the bar has a good drinks menu. En-suite rooms are air conditioned.

HOTEL BARCELO MEDINA, FES



A modern hotel close to the old medina, with a pool, a good restaurant and a lively bar. The spacious rooms are en-suite with air conditioning.

See page 99 for hotels in Erfoud, Erg Chebbi and Dades.



Watch Djemaa el Fna square come to life at dusk, Marrakech

Less than four hours flight from the UK, Morocco is at the crossroads of Europe and Africa, and is a country rich in contrasts, being a melting pot of Berber, Arab, African and European cultures that have all left their mark over the centuries.

Discover the historical imperial cities of Marrakech, Rabat, Meknes and Fes, with bustling old town medinas replete with stallholders offering goods of every nature. Marvel at the intricate decorations of monumental sites of the Bahia Palace, the Hassan II Mosque, and the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Take in

the vibrant colours and odours of the ancient tanneries of Fes and watch as workmen undertake their tasks unchanged for centuries. Then, travel through the mighty Atlas Mountains driving through towering gorges, dense pine forests and arid plateaus. Spend a night surrounded by the vastness of the Sahara Desert and explore the dunes on an exciting 4x4 excursion and discover ancient desert cities.

This tour will take you on a journey of all your senses, allowing you to experience the full contrasts of the country.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Tue) Marrakech Make your own way to Marrakech where you are escorted to your hotel (2 nights).

Day 2 (Wed) Marrakech A morning tour of Marrakech visiting the famous Koutoubia Mosque, the Saadian Tombs, the Bahia Palace and the medina. Afternoon free to explore independently.

Day 3 (Thu) Marrakech - Casablanca After breakfast, take a three-hour journey to the coastal city of Casablanca, where you have a guided tour including visits to the impressive Hassan II Mosque, the vast Mohammed V Square, the open-air market area of Habous and the residential area of Anfa, the oldest part of Casablanca. Lunch is included (1 night).

Day 4 (Fri) Casablanca - Rabat Take the scenic coastal road from Casablanca to Rabat, Morocco's capital. On arrival, your guide will take you on a fascinating tour showcasing the city's Islamic and French-colonial past. Visit the Kasbah of Udayas with formal gardens, the iconic 12th century minaret of Hassan Tower, the Royal Palace and the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Afternoon free (1 night).

Day 5 (Sat) Rabat - Fes Depart the capital and drive to the laid-back city of Meknes, famous for its Jewish Quarter, Royal Stables, Lahdim Square and Bab el-Mansour Gate. After lunch, continue to the ancient Roman city of Volubilis, one of the most remote bases of the empire. Admire the fine mosaics and well-preserved ruins, then continue to Fes, arriving in the early evening. Lunch included (2 nights).

Day 6 (Sun) Fes This morning, take a tour of the Medina, navigating the maze-like alleys of the old town. You have time to visit the iconic Chouara Tannery and the beautiful 18th century inn of Fondouk Nejjarine. The afternoon is free to explore the city on your own or relax at your hotel.

Day 7 (Mon) Fes - Erfoud After an early breakfast, start your full-day journey to the edge of the desert. Stop at the unexpected alpine town of Ifrane with chalets more commonly associated with Switzerland. Continue through the forests of the middle Atlas, where Barbary macaques live, before visiting the village of Azrou, an important handicraft centre. After lunch in Midelt, journey through the palms of the Ziz valley before arriving at your hotel in Erfoud, on the edge of the desert, in the early evening. Dinner and lunch included (1 night).

Day 8 (Tue) Erg Chebbi After a relaxed morning, take a 4x4 vehicle into the desert to the colossal dunes of Erg Chebbi, visiting Lake Merzouga, often with flamingos feeding in the shallows, and Rissani, the cradle of the Alaouite dynasty, en route. Witness the mesmerizing sunset of the desert, then head to your camp for an evening under the stars with Berber entertainment. Dinner included (1 night).

Day 9 (Wed) Erg Chebbi - Dades Rise early to witness the desert sunrise then drive to the town of Dades via the impressive Todra Gorge and the road of a thousand kasbahs, passing through the oasis village of Skoura. Lunch and dinner are included (1 night).

Day 10 (Thu) Dades - Marrakech Explore the grandeur of the centuries old Kasbah Telouet with exquisitely-tiled walls and fine carved ceilings, before discovering the ancient UNESCO adobe city of Ait Ben Haddou featured in Ridley Scott's *Gladiator*. Return to Marrakech in the evening. Lunch included (1 night).

Day 11 (Fri) You are escorted to the airport in time for your return flight, arranged by yourself.

Extend your holiday with a trip to the Atlas Mountains or the Moroccan Coast. See page 100.



Discover the vastness of the Sahara Desert at Erg Chebbi

MOROCCO'S IMPERIAL CITIES

Marrakech, Rabat, Fes and Meknes are the four most historical and important cities of Morocco. Collectively known as the imperial cities, each has at one point served as the capital of the country and, as such, has played a pivotal role in its history and development.

Perhaps the most well known of the four, Marrakech is a feast for the senses. The 70 metre minaret of the Koutoubia Mosque dominates the skyline and stands proud over the main square of Djemaa el Fna, which comes to life as the sun sets and a temporary city of food stalls is erected nightly. The bustling souk of the medina evokes the true essence of Morocco.

The current capital, Rabat, sits on the Atlantic coast and has maintained a rich cultural identity. The most impressive site is the city's 12th century Hassan Tower and the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. The king

resides here and, overall, the city has the feel of a small seaside town with wide boulevards influenced by the colonial-French rule of the early 20th century.

The oldest of Morocco's imperial cities, Fes is the spiritual heart of the country. The city houses the world's oldest university, the Al Quaraouiyine Mosque, and the world's oldest medieval medina, dating back to the 9th century, which also holds the title of the world's largest pedestrianised urban centre. Exploring the winding lanes of the medina feels like stepping back in time.

The least known of the imperial cities, Meknes symbolizes the power of Sultan Moulay Ismail who made the city the capital of Morocco in the 17th century. It retains an authentic charm with a more relaxed medina full of vibrant markets.



Men working at the Chouara Tannery, Fes



The intricate gates of Bab el-Mansour, Meknes



Discover the frenetic medina and markets of Marrakech



Explore the adobe town of Ait Ben Haddou

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS TO MOROCCO

Unlike for other Llama Travel holidays, Llama Travel does not include international flights in our Morocco holidays. This is because there are many flight options from different UK airports with airlines that Llama Travel does not work with.

On some dates, we are able to arrange flights with British Airways, amongst other airlines, so please let us know if you would like us to look into flight options for you and we will let you know what is possible.

HOTELS IN MOROCCO

KASBAH HOTEL XALUCA, ERFOUD



A characterful hotel at the door to the desert, with several restaurants, a bar and a pool. En-suite rooms are traditionally decorated with air conditioning. Breakfast and dinner are included.

AZAWAD DESERT CAMP, ERG CHEBBI



This desert camp, surrounded by golden sand, offers private nomadic-style tents, with en-suite facilities with hot water. Enjoy traditional Berber entertainment under the stars. Breakfast and dinner are included.

HOTEL XALUCA, DADES



With stunning views of the Dades Valley, the hotel is styled in traditional adobe. There is a pool, and dinner is included in the restaurant. Rooms are comfortable with an en-suite bathroom and air conditioning.

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £150 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Grand Tour of Morocco (10 nights) | |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| 21 March 2023 | 1499 |
| 18 April 2023 | 1549 |
| 16 May 2023 | 1549 |
| 26 September 2023 | 1549 |
| 17 October 2023 | 1549 |
| 7 November 2023 | 1499 |
| Single supplement | 400 |

Prices do not include flights

Standard hotels included in prices above

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Marrakech | Kenzi Menara Palace |
| Casablanca | Odyssee Center Hotel |
| Rabat | Hotel Mercure Sherazade |
| Fes | Hotel Barcelo Medina |
| Erfoud | Kasbah Hotel Xaluca |
| Erg Chebbi | Azawad Desert Camp |
| Dades | Hotel Xaluca |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except in Erfoud, Erg Chebbi & Dades, where dinner is included. Hotels vary on some dates. See our website or call us for more details.

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

ATLAS MOUNTAINS

2 NIGHTS FROM £349



HOTEL IN IMLIL

RIAD JNANE, IMLIL



An authentic, family-run guesthouse in the heart of Imlil, with a terrace with stunning views overlooking the Atlas Mountains and surrounding valley. The restaurant serves traditional Moroccan fare. The en-suite rooms are spacious, decorated in traditional design and have air conditioning.

HOTEL IN ESSAOUIRA

HOTEL MGALLERY, ESSAOUIRA



Located on the edge of Essaouira's vast beach, this hotel is a short walk to the medina. The hotel has a private beach, outdoor pool, spa, three restaurants and a bar. Rooms are modern with air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.



Blue boats of Essaouira port

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Atlas Mountains (2 nights) |
| £349 (£429 single) |
| Moroccan Coast (2 nights) |
| £279 (£369 single) |
| Atlas Mountains + Moroccan Coast (3 nights) |
| £549 (£669 single) |
| An extra charge may be payable for rearranging flights back to the UK |
| Standard hotels included in prices above |
| Imlil Riad Jnane |
| Essaouira Hotel MGallery |
| Accommodation is bed and breakfast. |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate these extensions. |



Hike through the dramatic scenery of the Atlas Mountains, dotted with isolated Berber villages

Running like a spine along the centre of Morocco, the Atlas Mountains are ever-present. With unique landscapes and traditional villages dotted along the range, a visit to this area offers a great contrast to the bustling cities, arid deserts and ancient kasbah's visited on our Grand Tour of Morocco.

After the Grand Tour of Morocco your tour will continue as follows:

Day 11 (Fri) Marrakech - Imlil Take a 90-minute transfer along scenic roads to the mountain village of Imlil, where you have free time for lunch. Then meet your guide for a three-hour hike, enjoying panoramic views over the Atlas Mountains dotted with Berber villages. Walk up to Tiz N' Tamartert Pass with an altitude of 2,300m. Then continue to

the summit where your guide will explain all about Berber life in this region. Descend along the same path, returning to your hotel (1 night).

Day 12 (Sat) Imlil - Marrakech A morning tour of Berber villages, passing through the hamlets of Ait Souka, Targa and Imoula. Enjoy the views over the ancient terraced fields where barley and corn are grown, then have a typical Berber meal with a local family in Achan. After lunch, return to Marrakech (1 night).

Day 13 (Sun) Depending on the time of your return flight, enjoy a final morning in Marrakech. Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arranged by yourself.

You can also combine with the Moroccan Coast Extension. See our website or call us for details.

MOROCCAN COAST

2 NIGHTS FROM £279



End your time in Morocco at the laid-back coastal town of Essaouira

Morocco has a long coastline stretching from the Mediterranean along the Atlantic. Essaouira, Morocco's most relaxed city, offers a tranquil end to your tour in the country. Discover the fortified coastal city, stroll along the vast beach and sample some of the best and freshest seafood available, or relax in your hotel.

After the Grand Tour of Morocco your tour will continue as follows:

Day 11 (Fri) Marrakech - Essaouira Take a three-hour transfer to your beachfront hotel in the coastal city of Essaouira. Free afternoon to relax around the pool or explore the laid-back walled medina. Peruse the boutiques of the town with beautiful handicrafts

on offer, or walk to the port, where the iconic blue wooden boats are moored. Watch as the fisherman haul their daily catch on to the promenade (2 nights).

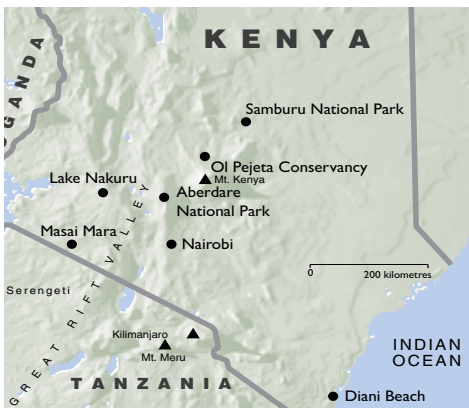
Day 12 (Sat) Essaouira Spend time strolling along the vast, sweeping beach of Essaouira. Perhaps take a horse-ride along the shore or try your hand at surfing. The facilities at your hotel are perfect to while away an afternoon in the sun, lounging by the pool.

Day 13 (Sun) Take a three-hour transfer to Marrakech airport for your flight to the UK, arranged by yourself.

You can also combine with the Atlas Mountains extension. See our website or call us for details.

KENYA

Kenya is the birthplace of safari holidays and the destination that many have on their lists after watching the iconic 'Out of Africa'. Nestled on the coast of East Africa, straddling the equator, much of Kenya is made up vast wildlife reserves home to the Big Five and hundreds of other species. Kenya also boasts white sand beaches, flamingo-filled lakes, snow-capped mountains and bustling cities including the capital Nairobi. The greatest density of game resides in the Masai Mara National Reserve on Kenya's southern border, renowned for the wildebeest migration which happens every year between June and September. A holiday to Kenya also provides the chance to learn about the local culture and give back to the communities, by visiting schools and villages. The Masai are some of Africa's most well-known people, but the country is also inhabited by tribes such as the Samburu, the Swahili and the Kikuyu, who maintain a traditional way of life.



WHEN TO GO

Kenya has a tropical climate with sunny days and cooler nights. Average daily temperatures are around 22–27°C, depending on which region you visit. The dry season extends from June to October and there are two rainy seasons: the big one from April to May and the smaller one from late October to December.

The wildebeest migration in the Masai Mara usually happens between June and October. On the coast, the climate is warm and tropical, with temperatures ranging from 20°C to 33°C throughout the year. The sea is warm all year round, ranging from 25°C in July and August to 29°C in March and April.

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| Nairobi | Average max temp (°C) | 26 | 27 | 27 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 25 | 26 | 24 | 25 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 11 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 12 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 6 | 5 | 9 | 24 | 19 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 11 |
| Mombasa | Average max temp (°C) | 33 | 32 | 33 | 31 | 29 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 23 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 23 | 21 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 23 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 3 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 24 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 8 |

CUSTOMER RATINGS

Below are the overall scores from Llama Travel customers for holidays to Kenya in 2022.

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| Holiday Overall | <div style="width: 99%;"></div> | 99% |
| Value for money | <div style="width: 93%;"></div> | 93% |
| Kenya as a holiday destination | <div style="width: 99%;"></div> | 99% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="width: 99%;"></div> | 99% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="width: 93%;"></div> | 93% |



HOTELS IN KENYA

MOVENPICK HOTEL, NAIROBI



Located in the upmarket Westlands district, the Movenpick boasts a 360-degree revolving restaurant, spa, gym, pool and bar. En-suite rooms have air conditioning and are spacious, decorated with African artwork.

THE ARK, ABERDARE NATIONAL PARK

This characterful lodge overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick which attracts elephants and buffalos. Modelled on a ship, there are simple cabin-style en-suite rooms, four viewing decks, a bar and restaurant.

SAMBURU SIMBA LODGE, SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

Offering a serene setting on the riverbank, the lodge has two pools, a bar, restaurant and lounge. En-suite rooms are spread across seven villas, with wooden ceilings, stone floors and private verandas to watch the elephants and rarer species frequent the river.

SERENA SWEETWATERS CAMP, OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY

With a backdrop of Mount Kenya, Serena Sweetwaters has its own waterhole providing excellent wildlife-viewing opportunities. There are several dining options and a waterhole bar. The camp has the traditional feel of a colonial safari, in tented accommodation with thatched roofs, solid floors, air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

LAKE NAKURU LODGE, LAKE NAKURU

With unobstructed views of the lake and its wildlife, this lodge has a pool, restaurant and bar with entertainment. En-suite rooms have private terraces.

MARA SIMBA LODGE, MASAI MARA

Located on the Talek River, the lodge is constructed on a series of interconnecting decks under a thatched roof, with a swimming pool, exceptional dining options and tented en-suite rooms.

SAROVA MARA GAME CAMP, MASAI MARA

In the heart of the reserve, the Sarova Mara offers spacious, comfortable en-suite 'tents' with large windows, wooden flooring and permanent roofs. The grounds are beautiful, featuring rolling gardens, bird sanctuary, spa, swimming pool, restaurants, traditional boma and numerous activities.

Depending on your departure date, you may be in either of the Masai Mara lodges.



Learn about lilac-breasted rollers and other birdlife

A SAFARI THROUGH KENYA

MASAI MARA ABERDARE NATIONAL PARK SAMBURU NATIONAL PARK

OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY LAKE NAKURU NAIROBI

11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS FROM £3549



Take game drives in a 4x4 vehicle with a pop-up roof and window seats for everyone

Embark on a spectacular journey through Kenya, where each location offers something unique.

Travel from the elephant-filled Aberdare National Park to Samburu, where the rarer 'Samburu special five' species reside. Meet the world's last two remaining northern white rhinos in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, and admire flamingo-filled lakes around the Great Rift Valley. The trip ends in the classic Masai Mara where the world-famous Great Migration takes place each year and where you can spot the Big Five, including lions, leopards and elephants.

Offering more than just game drives, this fantastic adventure gives you a taste of daily life and lets you give back to the local communities too, with visits to a school, a women's cooperative and Karen Blixen's house.

You can also extend your holiday to relax at Diani Beach on Kenya's palm-fringed Indian Ocean coastline.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall 99%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sun) Fly from the UK to Nairobi where you are met and taken to your hotel (1 night).

Day 2 (Mon) Aberdare Drive north to Aberdare National Park in the Great Rift Valley. Stop for lunch at the Aberdare Country Club then continue for an hour to The Ark, where elephants and buffaloes are regular visitors to the hotel's floodlit waterhole (1 night).

Day 3 (Tue) Samburu A beautiful 4-hour journey to the rugged Samburu National Reserve, crossing the equator and foothills of Mount Kenya. Arrive at the lodge for lunch then go on your first game drive, with chances of spotting the Samburu Special Five species (2 nights).

Day 4 (Wed) Samburu Head out early for a game drive, on the look out for elephants, lions, leopards, cheetahs, buffalos, wild dogs and rare birdlife. Enjoy a sundowner overlooking the bush, with wine and nibbles.

Day 5 (Thu) Ol Pejeta Drive south to the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, where you see the last two northern white rhinos in the world, and the Big Five, then visit the Jane Goodall chimpanzee sanctuary. Optional night game drive to spot Kenya's nocturnal species (1 night).

Day 6 (Fri) Lake Nakuru Drive for five hours to Lake Nakuru, stopping to visit the spinners and weavers at a women's cooperative in Nanyuki. Explore Lake Nakuru on an afternoon game drive, looking out for rhinos, warthogs, zebras, gazelles and buffaloes grazing on the shoreline plus over 400 bird species including flamingos, spoonbills and eagles (1 night).

Day 7 (Sat) Masai Mara A 6-hour journey through traditional villages, rocky highlands and lakes to the iconic Masai Mara National Park. Afternoon game drive to look out for abundant wildlife including the Big Five and over 450 bird species from ostriches to

secretary birds (3 nights).

Day 8 (Sun) Masai Mara Head out early for a full-day game drive, with a packed lunch in a scenic spot. Witness the Great Migration (June to September) as over a million wildebeest, zebra and antelopes thunder across the plains from the Serengeti in Tanzania, in search of water and green pastures.

Day 9 (Mon) Masai Mara In the morning, visit a local school for a chance to meet the children and learn about rural life. Afternoon game drive for a final chance to spot elephants, big cats and giraffes.

Day 10 (Tue) Return to Nairobi with a visit to the Karen Blixen museum, where you take a tour and have lunch, then transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK.

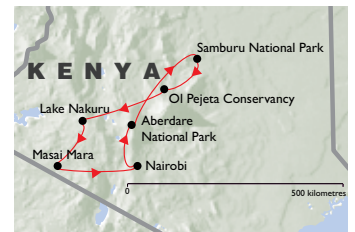
Day 11 (Wed) Arrival in the UK.



See leopards stalking their prey from the treetops above you



Witness over a million wildebeests and zebras journeying across the Mara River in the Great Migration from June to September



Discover over 400 bird species around Lake Nakuru

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

NIGHT GAME DRIVE

This evening excursion is a fantastic opportunity to discover the Ol Pejeta Conservancy 'after hours', allowing you to experience it at its most raw. After dinner, wrap up warm and head out in a safari vehicle with a maximum of six passengers. Your guide will traverse the conservancy, using a filtered spotlight to seek out the animals that are rarely spotted during the day, including the armadillo, white-tailed mongoose, caracal and, if you're lucky, the bat-eared fox. Lions, usually seen sleeping during the day, are often sighted alert and active at night, and even on occasion, the more elusive leopard. The game drives last around two hours, and you are required to stay in the vehicle throughout the excursion. Return to the camp for drinks and tales by the campfire.



See Kenya's weird and wonderful nocturnal creatures come out to play



Spot the elusive buffalo

WHAT TO EXPECT ON A KENYA SAFARI

One of the many beauties of a safari trip is that all your meals are included, so you can sit back, relax and fill up on hearty meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Each day on safari will follow a similar pattern, with early morning and late afternoon game drives to ensure optimum wildlife-spotting opportunities, and time to relax around the lodge during the warmest part of the day.

The vehicle is designed to ensure maximum wildlife spotting opportunities, with a pop-up roof and all passengers enjoying a window seat for unobstructed views of the game.

For the majority of your trip you will be in a comfortable four wheel drive vehicle with a maximum of six passengers, plus your driver who will be your guide and accompany you for the

duration of the tour, looking after your every need and filling you with interesting facts and anecdotes about the animals, scenery and culture. Please note, the short journey from the Aberdare Country Club to The Ark is in a larger vehicle operated by the lodge.



Get close to large groups of elephants in several of Kenya's reserves

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| A Safari Through Kenya (12 nights) | |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| 12 March 2023 | 3749 |
| 18 June 2023 | 3549 |
| 16 July 2023 | 4449 |
| 30 July 2023 | 4449 |
| 13 August 2023 | 4449 |
| 3 September 2023 | 3949 |
| 10 September 2023 | 3949 |
| 24 September 2023 | 3949 |
| 8 October 2023 | 3949 |
| 22 October 2023 | 3949 |
| 5 November 2023 | 3699 |
| 19 November 2023 | 3699 |
| Single supplement* | 300 |

*Single supplement varies throughout the year. See our website for the date you are interested in

Prices from London; regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Nairobi | Hotel Movenpick |
| Aberdare | The Ark |
| Samburu | Simba Lodge |
| Ol Pejeta | Serena Sweetwaters |
| Lake Nakuru | Lake Nakuru Lodge |
| Masai Mara | Simba Lodge* |

*On some dates, Sarova Mara Game Camp is used. Ask us for details
Accommodation is full board, except in Nairobi, which is bed and breakfast

Optional Excursion

Night Game Drive **£95**

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking



The Ark, Aberdare National Park



Simba Lodge, Samburu National Reserve



Mara Simba Lodge, Masai Mara



Lake Nakuru Lodge, Lake Nakuru



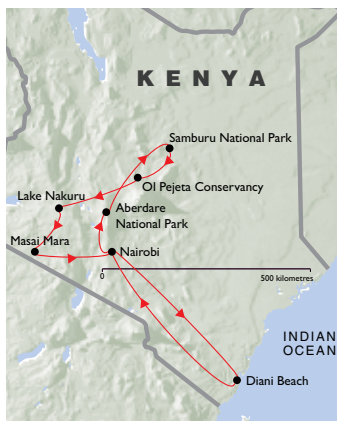
Serena Sweetwaters Camp, Ol Pejeta Conservancy



Sarova Mara Game Camp, Masai Mara

DIANI BEACH

4 NIGHTS FROM £849



DIANI BEACH HOTELS

PINEWOOD BEACH RESORT,



Located on the secluded mile-long sands of Galu Beach, the resort boasts excellent facilities including a swimming pool with Jacuzzi, two restaurants, a snack grill serving lunch and afternoon tea, bistro, pool bar, beach bar and lounge bar, spa, garden, gym, table tennis, tennis court and beach volley. The nearby water sports centre offers kite surfing, windsurfing and reef snorkelling. Rooms are built in clusters around well-kept gardens, with en-suite bathroom and air conditioning.

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, NAIROBI AIRPORT



Conveniently located within the Nairobi Airport complex, the hotel offers scenic views of Nairobi National Park. There is a rooftop swimming pool, fitness centre, spa and three bars and restaurants. Rooms are modern and spacious with an en-suite bathroom and air conditioning.



Spot colobus monkeys around the Pinewood Resort

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| Diani Beach |
| Pinewood Beach Resort |
| £849 (£1049 single) |
| Board: bed and breakfast |
| Ask us for additional nights or upgraded rooms |
| On some occasions, an extra cost may apply for rearranging international flights from Mombasa |



Enjoy a post-safari retreat on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast

As well as being one of the best safari destinations in the world, Kenya has a beautiful stretch of coastline, lapped by the Indian Ocean. It's the perfect place to unwind after an action-packed adventure of early starts and wildlife-filled days.

Situated 30 kilometres south of Mombasa, Diani is regarded as Kenya's best beach, renowned for its turquoise waters and palm-fringed white sands. Activities on offer at Diani Beach include windsurfing,

diving, fishing, cycling, snorkelling and scuba diving.

The coastline has a selection of colourful coral reefs where you can snorkel close to marine life including turtles and manta rays. The coast and nearby islands also hold historical interest, scattered with the ruins of forts, mosques and tombs, plus underwater shipwrecks. You can also take out a traditional wooden sailing dhow.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

Overall  89%

ITINERARY

Day 1 - 9 (Sun-Mon) Follow itinerary on page 102.

Day 10 (Tue) Nairobi Drive from the Masai Mara to Nairobi via Karen Blixen museum and stay at a hotel near the airport. (1 night)

Day 11 (Wed) Diani Beach Fly to Ukunda Airport and transfer to your hotel on Diani Beach. Dinner is included in a restaurant overlooking the ocean (3 nights).

Day 12 (Thu) Diani Beach Spend the day at leisure.

Relax on the beach, go diving or snorkelling with sea turtles or take out a traditional wooden sailing dhow.

Day 13 (Fri) Diani Beach Free day to enjoy the resort's facilities including the spa, pool and variety of restaurants, or perhaps try something more active.

Day 14 (Sat) Transfer to Mombasa then fly to Nairobi for your connecting flight to the UK.

Day 15 (Sun) Arrival in the UK.



The Pinewood Beach Resort gardens offer a relaxing and calm stay on Kenya's coastline



Relax by the pool or try one of the activities on offer



Treat yourself to a massage in the spa at the end of your Kenya holiday

SOUTH AFRICA

Dubbed The Rainbow Nation in the post-apartheid glow, South Africa is diverse in so many ways. Visitors will not be disappointed by the breadth of local culture, and people leave feeling truly touched by the warmth of the South Africans they have met. South Africa's landscapes are equally diverse, from the gorgeous mountain-hugged Cape Town, to the traditional ostrich-farming town of Oudtshoorn in the Little Karoo, and the luscious, green coastal Garden Route. Wildlife is everywhere, from the Big Five on the Kruger savannah and the game reserves on the Garden Route, to the whales in the ocean. The Rovos Rail journey between Cape Town and Pretoria takes you across the vast interior in olde-worlde style. Combined with great food and wine, South Africa really is the perfect introduction to the African continent and has something for everyone.



WHEN TO GO

South Africa can be visited year round, but the summer (December to March) is warmer, especially in Cape Town and the Garden Route. This area experiences a Mediterranean climate, with warm, dry summers, and mild winters, although it can get cold at night. Cape Town is regularly on the brink of drought, but in years when there is good rain, it mainly falls between June and September. Johannesburg and the Kruger region are inland, at a higher altitude, and as a result experience greater variations in temperature, dropping to 9°C overnight in winter and reaching 34°C during the day in summer. Rainfall can be frequent between November and February, with short thunderstorms interrupting otherwise warm and sunny afternoons. Winters are cold and dry, with winter mornings being particularly cold and frosty.

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|-----------|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Cape Town | Average max temp (°C) | 28 | 29 | 27 | 25 | 22 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 24 | 25 | 27 | |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 17 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 17 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Knysna | Average max temp (°C) | 28 | 29 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 23 | 22 | 22 | 24 | 25 | 27 | |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 18 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 17 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| Kruger NP | Average max temp (°C) | 31 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 27 | 25 | 27 | 29 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 31 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 21 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 19 | 20 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 12 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 12 |

CUSTOMER RATINGS

Below are overall scores from Llama Travel customers who travelled to South Africa in 2022.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-----|
| Holiday Overall | <div style="width: 87%;"><div style="width: 87%;"></div></div> | 87% |
| Value for money | <div style="width: 81%;"><div style="width: 81%;"></div></div> | 81% |
| S. Africa as a holiday destination | <div style="width: 73%;"><div style="width: 73%;"></div></div> | 73% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="width: 67%;"><div style="width: 67%;"></div></div> | 67% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="width: 73%;"><div style="width: 73%;"></div></div> | 73% |



CAPE TOWN & THE GARDEN ROUTE

CAPE TOWN HERMANUS KNYSNA OUDTSHOORN WINELANDS

13 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS FROM £2649

HOTELS

SUN SQUARE CITY BOWL, CAPE TOWN

A modern hotel in the city centre, with great views. There is a rooftop pool, restaurant, bar and fitness centre. Stylish en-suite rooms have air conditioning.

VICTORIA & ALFRED HOTEL, CAPE TOWN

With a prime location on the waterfront, this iconic hotel has a range of dining options as well as a spa and wellness centre, bar and pool. The elegant en-suite rooms are air conditioned.

ARABELLA HOTEL & SPA, HERMANUS

With a scenic location near Hermanus, overlooking a beautiful lagoon, the hotel's facilities include two pools, a spa, bar, restaurant and golf course. En-suite rooms boast large bathrooms and comfy beds.

AHA THE REX HOTEL, KNYSNA

Located close to the restaurants, shops and bars of the waterfront, this modern hotel has a pool. Rooms are comfortable with en-suite bathrooms and air conditioning. The hotel restaurant currently only serves breakfast.

KNYSNA HOLLOW COUNTRY ESTATE

In a peaceful setting on the edge of town, there are two pools, restaurant and gardens. The stylish rooms have air conditioning and have en-suite bathrooms.

SURVAL BOUTIQUE, OUDTSHOORN

Located outside of Oudtshoorn, this 18th-century homestead has a restaurant, pool, mountain views and a beautiful lake for birdwatching. All rooms are en-suite with air conditioning.

ROSENHOF COUNTRY HOUSE, OUDTSHOORN

This beautiful hotel has lovely gardens, a restaurant, wellness centre, and swimming pool. En-suite rooms have air conditioning and antique furniture.

OUDE WERF HOTEL, STELLENBOSCH

In the heart of Stellenbosch, this hotel combines period-inspired decor with modern design. The rooms are en-suite with air conditioning. There is a pool, restaurant and coffee lounge.

LANZERAC HOTEL & SPA, STELLENBOSCH

On a working vineyard at the edge of town, the fabulous hotel has a beautiful setting with sophisticated en-suite rooms with air conditioning. There are several pools, a spa, and 3 restaurants. Wine tasting is included.



Take in Table Mountain from the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront

This holiday combines some of South Africa's most iconic destinations, from classic Cape Town and the whale-watching hub of Hermanus, to the lush Garden Route town of Knysna and the contrasting semi-arid Karoo town of Oudtshoorn. End with a night in the spectacular winelands.

This range of destinations and variety of landscapes is one of South Africa's main attractions. There is plenty of show-stopping scenery, but this variety also provides habitats for some impressive endemic plant species, and a wide range of birds and other fauna.

Within the Cape Town city limits alone it is possible to see tortoises, zebra, African penguins, sea lions and baboons, as well as numerous bird species.

South Africans are known for their warm hospitality and you will find that along with the lovely setting, people will make you feel welcome at every turn. Add to this the great food, served with excellent quality ingredients, and the range of great value wine, and you have a holiday to remember.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 86%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) Fly overnight from the UK to Cape Town.

Day 2 (Fri) **Cape Town** Arrive in Cape Town where you are met and taken to your hotel (4 nights).

Day 3 (Sat) **Cape Town** Take the optional Iconic Cape Town excursion which takes you up Table Mountain by cable car, and various sites in the city.

Day 4 (Sun) **Cape Town** Take the optional full-day Peninsula & Penguins excursion, including a boat ride to Seal Island, a visit to Cape Point, and spot the endangered African penguins at Boulders Beach.

Day 5 (Mon) **Cape Town** Take the optional morning Robben Island excursion, visiting the infamous prison where Nelson Mandela was held for much of his incarceration.

Day 6 (Tue) **Hermanus** Drive to Hermanus, two hours from Cape Town, where you enjoy a boat ride to spot whales from June to December, and other marine animals year-round (1 night).

Day 7 (Wed) **Knysna** Take a six-hour drive from Hermanus to Knysna, noticing the scenery change as you enter the verdant coastal Garden Route. Upon arrival, you have the rest of the afternoon to relax and explore the town (2 nights).

Day 8 (Thu) **Knysna** Take the optional full-day excursion to the Tsitsikamma National Park, where striking forest and beautiful coastline awaits. Alternatively relax in town and enjoy Knysna's setting, nestled between lush forests and the peaceful lagoon.

Day 9 (Fri) **Oudtshoorn** Take a morning optional Featherbed Eco Experience excursion before taking a two-hour drive to Oudtshoorn in the Little Karoo. Enjoy the setting amidst the majestic Swartberg Mountain range (2 nights).

Day 10 (Sat) **Oudtshoorn** Take the optional Meerkat Magic excursion in the early morning, then enjoy a free day or take the optional Cango Caves & Ostrich Safari excursion. Learn about this exotic bird species and the town's history of ostrich farming, and discover some of the biggest stalagmite formations in the world in the Cango Caves.

Day 11 (Sun) **Stellenbosch** Take a six-hour drive through the arid Karoo to Stellenbosch in the Cape Winelands, where vineyards creep their way up mountainsides, making for fantastic scenery. The rest of the day is free to relax (1 night).

Day 12 (Mon) Morning free to enjoy the winelands, depending on your flight time, then transfer to the airport in Cape Town for an overnight flight to the UK.

Day 13 (Tue) Arrival in the UK.

For a safari extension to Gondwana or the Kruger area, or an extension on the luxury Rovos Rail or to Victoria Falls, see pages 108 - 112.

You can also add more time in Cape Town or Stellenbosch. Please ask us if you are interested.



Sun Square City Bowl, Cape Town



Victoria & Alfred Waterfront Hotel, Cape Town



Arabella Hotel & Spa, Hermanus



Aha The Rex Hotel, Knysna



Visit the friendly town of Knysna and the beautiful Featherbed reserve positioned along the Garden Route

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

ICONIC CAPE TOWN

A morning excursion to discover the vibrant cultures and rich history of Cape Town, starting with a cable car ride up Table Mountain. Then explore the market of Greenmarket Square where you can haggle with local vendors. Walk through the peaceful Company Gardens, visit the Castle of Good Hope, Grand Parade and the District Six Museum. Finally, marvel at the colourful houses and cobbled streets of the Cape Malay Quarter.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 89%

PENINSULA & PENGUINS

Start with an early boat ride from Houts Bay to Seal Island, then take a scenic drive along Chapman's Peak to the Cape Point National Park at the tip of the peninsula with its dramatic scenery and fascinating history. After a delicious seafood lunch, the return journey takes you along the False Bay, stopping at Boulders Beach, home to a colony of endangered African Penguins, before returning to Cape Town.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 99%

ROBBEN ISLAND

Made infamous by Nelson Mandela's incarceration during the apartheid years, Robben Island is now a museum which can be accessed via a short ferry ride from Cape Town. This World Heritage Site was a prison for some 450 years, housing convicts, slaves, exiled Eastern princes, lepers, the insane, and latterly, political prisoners who opposed the apartheid government. On this half-day excursion you will explore the historic prison, including Mandela's cell, and discover what life was like for the prisoners as you visit the Muslim shrine and lime quarry.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 92%

TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK

A full-day excursion along the stunning Garden Route coastline within the national park. Walk the boardwalk through indigenous forest, home to a variety of bird species, to the suspension bridge that crosses the Storm's River. This serves as a lookout point over the deep river gorge and the striking seas. Retrace your steps through the forest to the restaurant for lunch, where you enjoy a scenic meal overlooking the ocean, before returning to Knysna.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 80%



Knysna Hollow Country Estate, Knysna



Surval Boutique Olive Estate, Oudtshoorn



Rosenhof Country House, Oudtshoorn



Oude Werf Hotel, Stellenbosch

FEATHERBED ECO EXPERIENCE

A morning excursion starting with a boat ride across Knysna Lagoon to the Western Head, where you take a 4 x 4 vehicle to Featherbed Nature Reserve, stopping at spectacular viewpoints. Wildlife includes Cape Mountain tortoises, African black oystercatchers and blue cranes, South Africa's national bird. There is an optional walk through coastal forest to ancient sea caves, before finishing with a buffet lunch and return boat to Knysna.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 92%

MEERKAT MAGIC

This very early morning excursion lets you witness these playful creatures emerging out of their burrows just in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities. This group of meerkats has been habituated by a research biologist for the benefit of conservations and science. After observing the animals in the early morning light, you return to your hotel in time for breakfast.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 93%

CANGO CAVES & OSTRICH SAFARI

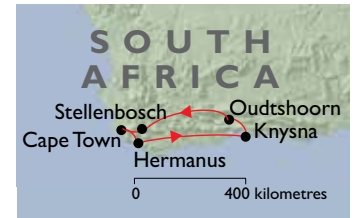
This excursion starts with a visit to Cango Caves where you can go for extensive subterranean walks to discover some of the biggest stalagmite formations in the world. Afterwards, visit an ostrich farm, home to large flocks at different stages of development, where you have lunch. The farm tour starts in the breeding camp with a nest of ostrich eggs, which you can stand on to test their strength. You will also visit the eggs in the incubator rooms where they hatch. You return to your hotel mid-afternoon.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 80%



Meet the meerkats as the sun rises in Oudtshoorn



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Cape Town & the Garden Route (10 nights) | |
|---|------|
| 9 February 2023 | 2649 |
| 9 March 2023 | 2649 |
| 27 July 2023 | 2849 |
| 14 September 2023 | 2699 |
| 12 October 2023 | 2749 |
| 9 November 2023 | 2749 |
| 23 November 2023 | 2699 |
| 25 January 2024 | 2849 |
| 22 February 2024 | 2849 |
| 7 March 2024 | 2899 |
| 21 March 2024 | 2849 |
| 4 April 2024 | 2799 |
| 2023 single supplement | 500 |
| 2024 single supplement | 550 |

Prices are from London, for regional see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Cape Town | Sun Square City Bowl |
| Hermanus | Arabella Hotel |
| Knysna | Aha The Rex |
| Oudtshoorn | Survall Boutique |
| Stellenbosch | Oude Werf Hotel |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except where indicated

Superior hotels* Supplement

| | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|------|---------------|
| Cape Town | V&A Hotel | £440 | (£880 single) |
| Knysna | Knysna Hollow | £120 | (£200 single) |
| Oudtshoorn | Rosenhof | £100 | (£140 single) |
| Stellenbosch | Lanzerac | £120 | (£200 single) |

Special Offer: Upgrade in Cape Town, Knysna, Oudtshoorn and Stellenbosch for only **£639** (£1159 single)*

*Prices for superior hotels vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details

Optional Excursions

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Iconic Cape Town | £90 |
| Peninsula & Penguins | £170 |
| Robben Island | £110 |
| Tsitsikamma National Park | £55 |
| Featherbed Eco Experience | £70 |
| Meerkat Magic | £45 |
| Cango Caves & Ostrich Safari | £45 |

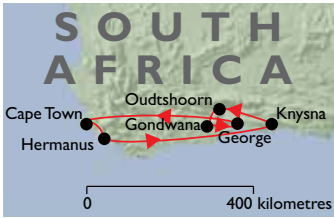
Special Offer:

All 7 excursions above for just **£499**

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

SAFARI

15 DAYS/12 NIGHTS FROM £3499



Gondwana Safari itinerary

GONDWANA LODGE

GONDWANA KWENA LODGE



Gondwana Kwena Lodge is a collection of chalets inspired by traditional San dwellings. The very spacious suites are en-suite with private decks overlooking the reserve. There is a beautiful lounge and dining room and a pool and spa. All meals are included.



Go on game drives in open vehicles with an experienced guide and tracker

South Africa is a favoured destination among safari lovers, thanks to its varied options and the excellent accessibility of its reserves and lodges.

The Kruger region is South Africa's iconic safari destination, with excellent game reserves bordering the Kruger National Park, as well as private fenced reserves nearby. The Western Cape also offers some excellent game-viewing opportunities in a reserve on the Garden

Route, making it very easy to combine with our Cape Town & The Garden Route holiday.

Each option has its particular benefits, but wherever you choose, you are assured to get a great experience of Africa's spectacular wildlife, beautiful scenery and excellent lodges and food.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 99%

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Date of departure | Cape Town & The Garden Route + Gondwana Safari (12 nights) | | Cape Town & The Garden Route + Kruger Safari (14 nights) | |
|--------------------|--|------|--|------|
| | 3499 | 4099 | 3499 | 4099 |
| 9 February 2023 | 3499 | 4099 | 3499 | 4099 |
| 9 March 2023 | 3499 | 4099 | 3499 | 4099 |
| 27 July 2023 | 3699 | 4299 | 3699 | 4299 |
| 14 September 2023 | 3449 | 4149 | 3449 | 4149 |
| 12 October 2023 | 3649 | 4199 | 3649 | 4199 |
| 9 November 2023 | 3649 | 4199 | 3649 | 4199 |
| 23 November 2023 | 3599 | 4149 | 3599 | 4149 |
| 25 January 2024 | 3749 | 4399 | 3749 | 4399 |
| 22 February 2024 | 3749 | 4399 | 3749 | 4399 |
| 7 March 2024 | 3799 | 4449 | 3799 | 4449 |
| 21 March 2024 | 3749 | 4399 | 3749 | 4399 |
| 4 April 2024 | 3699 | 4349 | 3699 | 4349 |
| 2023 single suppl. | 900 | 1030 | 900 | 1030 |
| 2024 single suppl. | 950 | 1080 | 950 | 1080 |

Prices are from London, for regional see p128

Standard lodges included in prices above

Gondwana Gondwana Kwena Lodge
Kruger Shiduli Lodge

Accommodation is full board

For Cape Town and Garden Route hotels, see pages 106-7

Superior Kruger lodges Supplement

Abelana River Lodge

2023 **£550** (£820 single)

2024 **£600** (£920 single)

Accommodation is full board

Johannesburg hotels
For Kruger Safari itineraries

The Maslow **included**

The Peech **£60** (£140 single)

Accommodation is bed & breakfast

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

CHOOSING YOUR SAFARI LODGE

All safari options we offer have a similar format, with game drives in the morning and afternoon. However, there are differences in the experience, so it is important to understand the factors which make each one different, and what their implications are for your safari experience.

The **Kruger National Park** is the largest national park in South Africa, almost the size of Wales, and conservation within the park is run by the South African government. There is excellent game viewing in the area, with varied and plentiful wildlife. The park itself is open to public vehicles, so there is more traffic and more restrictions to protect the area than in private reserves and concessions.

Llama Travel works with two **private reserves** in the Kruger area, which are privately owned areas and have the same type of wildlife as the Kruger National Park. In some cases, the reserves are adjacent to the Kruger and unfenced, allowing wildlife to roam freely, and in some cases they are separate and fenced, with wildlife kept within the (usually large) reserve. As visits in the reserves are only for guests staying there, these are more exclusive and there is more freedom in the activities carried out, such as bush walks.

Shiduli Lodge is situated in the private 9,000-hectare

Karongwe Game Reserve close to the Kruger. Even though it is separated from the park, it offers the same landscape and habitats. It boasts the Big Five and plenty of wildlife, albeit on a smaller scale. The lodge is comfortable and welcoming.

Abelana Game Reserve is spread across 15,000 hectares, next to the Greater Kruger and Selati Game Reserve, offering an exclusive experience. With just two lodges in the whole reserve, you could easily be the only vehicle on a game drive at any one time. Characterised by breathtaking landscapes and varied topography, the reserve has a 10km stretch of the Selati River which attracts hippos and crocodiles. The reserve is home to the Big Five as well as cheetahs, wild dogs and endemic bird species including the African fish eagle, peregrine falcon, bat hawk and elusive Pel's fishing owl.

Gondwana is a private 11,000-hectare reserve located in the Western Cape, near the Garden Route. It offers the Big Five, although leopards are rarely seen, and plenty of other species, although the landscape looks totally different, and it does not support the wildlife density and diversity of other species found in the Kruger reserves. Unlike the Kruger area, Gondwana is malaria-free, and the easy access makes it good value, so is an excellent option for a first time safari.



Look out for endangered rhinos whilst on safari



See zebras and other wildlife in South Africa's Western Cape



Give way to elephants crossing paths with your safari vehicle

GONDWANA SAFARI ITINERARY

Gondwana is an 11,000-hectare malaria-free reserve in the Western Cape, near the Garden Route, so is easy to combine with our Cape Town & The Garden Route itinerary. It boasts lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and many antelope species, and numerous endemic bird species, as well as endemic Cape flora. There is a protected species area, where you can even go mountain biking among zebras and giraffes. Accommodation is of a very high standard and the food is excellent. This option includes two nights in Gondwana. Please ask us if you are interested in a longer Gondwana extension.

Day 1 - 10 (Thu - Sat) Follow itinerary on page 106.

Day 11 (Sun) Gondwana After breakfast, drive from Oudtshoorn to Gondwana. Enjoy a free afternoon before your

first game drive in the late afternoon (2 nights).

Day 12 (Mon) Gondwana Set off on an early morning game drive before sunrise. Most wildlife activity happens in the early mornings and late evenings, when it is cooler. Return to the lodge for breakfast, then have free time and lunch. Enjoy a late afternoon game drive before returning for dinner at the lodge.

Day 13 (Tue) Stellenbosch Enjoy another early morning game drive before a beautiful 5-hour transfer to your hotel in Stellenbosch (1 night).

Day 14 (Wed) Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.

Day 15 (Thu) Arrive in the UK.

KRUGER SAFARI ITINERARY

The Kruger area offers classic safari scenery with a great variety of species, including the Big Five. We offer two lodge options in and around the Kruger National Park. Both have a similar itinerary, although the game drives will be local to the lodges. This includes 3 nights in Kruger and 1 night in Johannesburg.

Day 1 - 11 (Thu - Sun) Follow itinerary on page 106.

Day 12 (Mon) Kruger lodge Fly from Cape Town to Hoedspruit near Kruger and transfer to your lodge. In the late afternoon, take your first game drive (3 nights).

Days 13 -14 (Tue - Wed) Kruger lodge Two full days in

your reserve. Each day, set off before sunrise for an early morning game drive in the hopes of spotting lion, rhinoceros and antelope. Return to the lodge for breakfast, then have free time and lunch. In the late afternoon enjoy another game drive, then have dinner at the lodge.

Day 15 (Thu) Johannesburg Enjoy another early morning game drive before a transfer to the Hoedspruit airport for a flight to Johannesburg. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel (1 night).

Day 16 (Fri) Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.

Day 17 (Sat) Arrive in the UK.

A TYPICAL DAY ON SAFARI

The pattern of a typical day on safari is the same no matter which game-viewing area you choose, but details will vary depending on the weather, time of year and herd behaviour.

There are two game drives per day, each lasting around three hours, although this can vary, with meals enjoyed at the lodge. Game drives are in open vehicles carrying up to 10 passengers. It can be chilly in the early mornings and evenings. Blankets are usually provided but layered clothing, sun and rain wear is advised.

On each game drive you will be accompanied by a guide who knows their reserve well. They will observe the tracks, sounds and sights to find out where the animals are congregating. Additionally, many reserves lodge vehicles are in constant radio contact with one another

about locations of sightings, ensuring you see as much as possible.

The mornings start early, often before sunrise, with a light snack, before setting off on a morning game drive to spot numerous species of animals and birds. When possible, there is a tea and coffee break in a scenic location during the drive. You return to the lodge in time for a hearty breakfast.

During the warmest part of the day, relax and unwind at your lodge and have lunch. You then have an afternoon game drive which can stretch into the evening. Often you will enjoy a scenic sundowner drink whilst out as the sun sets, before the bush comes alive with hunting animals such as leopards and lions. After sun down, you return to the lodge for drinks and dinner, and a relaxing evening.



Watch leopard's roam in Kruger National Park



Spot buffalo at watering holes, one of the more elusive Big 5 game animals



Kruger Safari itinerary

KRUGER LODGES

SHIDULI PRIVATE GAME LODGE



Shiduli Lodge sits in the private Karongwe Reserve, with a beautiful tropical garden. There are 24 simple but tasteful air conditioned en-suite rooms, as well as a spa, pool, thatched dining area, a dining deck and lounge areas. All meals are included.



ABELANA RIVER LODGE CAMP



Spread across a 15,000-hectare reserve on the Selati River which attracts hippos, crocodiles and occasionally the Big Five, Abelana is a 20-room lodge with spectacular views. There is a pool, indoor and outdoor dining areas and a fire pit. Thatched rooms have air conditioning and en-suite with indoor and outdoor shower. All meals are included.



JOHANNESBURG HOTELS

See page 111 for details of hotels in Johannesburg.



Observe the majestic movements of lone giraffes

VICTORIA FALLS

16 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS FROM £3899



VICTORIA FALLS HOTELS

NGUNI LODGE



A small, comfortable hotel with a shaded garden, pool, terrace, restaurant and bar. Rooms are en-suite with air conditioning.

BATONKA GUEST LODGE



Set in wonderful gardens, this beautiful hotel has a pool, restaurant and tasteful, comfortable rooms with colonial touches. The simple en suite rooms have air conditioning.

VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL



With a fabulous location with views towards the falls, this iconic, and historic, colonial-style hotel has several restaurants, spa, pool and gardens. The rooms are well appointed with en-suite bathrooms and air conditioning.



Walk the pathways for wonderful views of the falls



Behold Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe-Zambia border, the world's largest sheet of falling water

Victoria Falls is one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. Nicknamed "the smoke that thunders" by the locals, the volume of water hitting the river below makes quite a sound, and the resultant spray creates a smoke-like haze which envelops the falls, and anyone in the immediate vicinity. Water flow varies throughout the year. See page 117 for details.

While the falls themselves are the main attraction, there is also excellent wildlife viewing in the area, whether it is from a boat on the Zambezi Sunset Cruise, or on a day trip to the Chobe National Park in Botswana. This extension adds three nights to your holiday.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 92%

ITINERARY

Day 1 - 11 (Thu - Sun) Follow itinerary on page 106.

Day 12 (Mon) Transfer to the airport in Cape Town for a flight to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe (3 nights).

Day 13 (Tue) Victoria Falls Take the optional Victoria Falls excursion to learn about the history and observe the flora and fauna, or have a free day to explore the falls independently, perhaps crossing into Zambia. In the evening take the optional Zambezi Sunset Cruise excursion.

Day 14 (Wed) Victoria Falls Take the optional full-day Botswana Wildlife excursion to the Chobe National Park, famed for the vast herds of elephant. Alternatively, further explore the falls and surrounding area independently, or perhaps take one of the adventure activities available locally.

Day 15 (Thu) Transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the UK via Johannesburg.

Day 16 (Fri) Arrival in the UK.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

ZAMBEZI SUNSET CRUISE

This two-hour excursion in the late afternoon is a great way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the Zambezi River, with the opportunity to see a variety of game including hippo, crocodile, elephant and birdlife, with the help of an experienced guide. There are excellent photo opportunities against the spectacular sunset. Enjoy drinks and snacks aboard as the sun sets over Africa, before returning to the jetty and transferring back to your hotel.

VICTORIA FALLS

Enjoy a morning guided tour of the Zimbabwe side of the falls, where you learn about the history and observe the flora and fauna of the area. Walk along the spectacular pathway with viewpoints showcasing the mighty falls. You are collected from and dropped off at your hotel.



Observe the wildlife on the Zambezi River on a sunset cruise

BOTSWANA WILDLIFE

A two-part excursion to Chobe National Park in nearby Botswana, about 90 minutes drive from Victoria Falls. You start with a morning boat ride cruising along the Chobe river, with excellent game viewing opportunities including some of the biggest crocodiles in Africa and large pods of hippo. After lunch, take a game drive to view the large herds of elephant (up to 85,000 during the dry season), as well as to look for lion, leopard, buffalo, antelope, hippo and crocodile, before being transferred back across the border to Victoria Falls.



See elephants in Chobe National Park

ROVOS RAIL

17 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS FROM £4399



Experience South Africa's vast and diverse landscapes in a lavish style on the Rovos Rail

Travelling 1,600 kilometres from Cape Town to Pretoria over three days, the Rovos Rail showcases the diversity of South Africa, from scenic winelands and spectacular mountain ranges to the haunting barrenness of the Great Karoo and the grasslands of the gold-rich Highveld.

The experience is opulent from beginning to end, from

the string music reception at the start to the pampering throughout the journey, with all meals, drinks and excursions included. The Edwardian-era style is felt from the elegance of the suites to the formal dress for dinner, allowing you to experience a bygone age as you enjoy the beauty of the country.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - 11 (Thu - Sun) Follow itinerary on page 106.

Day 12 (Mon) Rovos Rail Transfer to Cape Town, then enjoy a glass of bubbly as you board the Rovos Rail around 4pm. Admire the views as you pass through the winelands, and get to know the other guests on board over dinner, with everyone dressed in their finery, followed by drinks at the bar. You retire to your suite, and the train stops travelling overnight, so you can have a motionless rest (3 nights).

Day 13 (Tue) Rovos Rail A morning visit to Matjiesfontein to stroll through the preserved Victorian village, then return to the views as you pass through the Karoo, enjoying lunch, high tea and dinner, with the excellent wine.

Day 14 (Wed) Rovos Rail Enjoy breakfast, then visit Kimberley and the Diamond Mine museum and the Big Hole, the world's largest man-made excavation. Return on board in time for lunch as you pass through the goldfields, before freshening up for your final dinner.

Day 15 (Thu) Rovos Rail Awake for a final breakfast on board before the train arrives in Pretoria in the morning. Transfer to your hotel in Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city (1 night).

Day 16 (Fri) Transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the UK.

Day 17 (Sun) Arrival in the UK.

ROVOS RAIL TRAIN

The Rovos Rail is one of the world's great trains. The journey includes breakfast, lunch, high tea and dinner which are enjoyed in the splendour of the Edwardian dining cars, complemented by fine South African wines. To complete the atmosphere, the dress code in the evening is formal. Between excursions there is time to admire the scenery from the observation car or have a drink at the bar. The lounge car features large windows, deep sofas and wingback chairs. All meals, drinks and excursions are included. Usually the train stops at night to ensure a peaceful sleep, but in the case of delays will travel through the night.

The train accommodates up to 72 passengers in a variety of air conditioned cabins with en-suite shower rooms. Pullman suites are seven square metres and have a couch which converts into a double bed or twin bunks at night.



Deluxe suites are ten square metres with twin or double beds and separate seating. Royal suites are 16 square metres, with twin or double beds and a lounge area, with a bath tub and separate shower. Tips of around £15-30 per person are recommended.

JOHANNESBURG HOTELS

THE MASLOW

Situated a ten-minute walk from Nelson Mandela Square in the northern suburb of Sandton, with comfortable en-suite rooms, a pool, restaurant, bar, spa and gardens.

THE PEECH

Spread across lush gardens in leafy Melrose, the Peech has a pool, bistro restaurant, gardens and champagne bar. The stylish rooms are en-suite.



PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| | Cape Town & The Garden Route + Victoria Falls (13 nights) | Cape Town & The Garden Route + Rovos Rail (14 nights) |
|--------------------|---|---|
| 9 February 2023 | 3899 | 4399 |
| 9 March 2023 | 3899 | 4399 |
| 27 July 2023 | 4099 | 4599 |
| 14 September 2023 | 3949 | 4449 |
| 12 October 2023 | 3999 | 4599 |
| 9 November 2023 | 3999 | 4599 |
| 23 November 2023 | 3949 | 4549 |
| 25 January 2024 | 4099 | 4699 |
| 22 February 2024 | 4099 | 4699 |
| 7 March 2024 | 4149 | 4749 |
| 21 March 2024 | 4099 | 4699 |
| 4 April 2024 | 4049 | 4649 |
| 2023 single suppl. | 700 | 1400 |
| 2024 single suppl. | 750 | 1450 |

Prices are from London, for regional see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above
Johannesburg The Maslow
Victoria Falls Nguni Lodge
 Accommodation is bed and breakfast
 For Cape Town and Garden Route hotels, see pages 106-7

| Superior hotels | Supplement |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Jo'burg The Peech | £60 (£140 single) |
| Victoria Falls Batonka | £195 (£285 single) |
| Victoria Falls Vic Falls Hotel | £480 (£960 single) |

Prices vary throughout the year. Ask us for details

| Rovos Rail cabins* | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Pullman suite | included |
| Deluxe suite | £750 (£1100 single) |
| Royal suite | £1600 (£2,250 single) |

*Ask us for 2024 cabin upgrade prices

| Optional Excursions | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Victoria Falls | £55 |
| Zambezi Sunset Cruise | £85 |
| Botswana Wildlife | £210 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

SOUTH AFRICA

TWO OR MORE EXTENSIONS

18 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS FROM £4799

If you cannot choose between our extensions, and want to take more than one, you can take one of the following holidays. These combine our Cape Town & the Garden Route holiday, described on page 106, with two of our extensions (pages 108 - 111).

The itineraries listed offer a basic outline of the holidays. Details of each day can be found under the relevant sections earlier in the brochure.

In addition to the three holidays on these pages, you can also make your own holiday combining any other two extensions, or even create a longer holiday by combining three extensions. Call us to discuss your requirements.



Go whale watching in Hermanus on the Garden Route, where Southern Right Whales congregate from June to December

CAPE TOWN & THE GARDEN ROUTE PLUS GONDWANA SAFARI + VICTORIA FALLS

Day 1 - 13 (Thu - Tue) Follow Cape Town + The Garden Route + Gondwana Safari itinerary on page 109.

Day 14 (Wed) Fly from Cape Town to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, then transfer to your hotel (3 nights).

Day 15 (Thu) Optional Victoria Falls excursion in the morning or explore the falls on your own. Optional Zambezi Sunset Cruise.

Day 16 (Fri) Optional Botswana Wildlife excursion to Chobe National Park, or further explore the falls on your own, or perhaps try an adventure sport.

Day 17 (Sat) Overnight flight to the UK via Johannesburg.

Day 18 (Sun) Arrival in the UK.

CAPE TOWN & THE GARDEN ROUTE PLUS KRUGER SAFARI + VICTORIA FALLS

Day 1 - 15 (Thu - Thu) Follow Cape Town + The Garden Route + Kruger Safari itinerary on page 109.

Day 16 (Fri) Fly from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, then transfer to your hotel (3 nights).

Day 17 (Sat) Optional Victoria Falls excursion in the morning or explore the falls on your own. Optional Zambezi Sunset Cruise.

Day 18 (Sun) Optional Botswana Wildlife excursion to Chobe National Park, or further explore the falls on your own, or perhaps try an adventure sport.

Day 19 (Mon) Overnight flight to the UK via Johannesburg.

Day 20 (Tue) Arrival in the UK.

CAPE TOWN & THE GARDEN ROUTE PLUS ROVOS RAIL + VICTORIA FALLS

Day 1 - 15 (Thu - Thu) Follow Cape Town + The Garden Route + Rovos Rail itinerary on page 111.

Day 16 (Fri) Fly from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, then transfer to your hotel (3 nights).

Day 17 (Sat) Optional Victoria Falls excursion in the morning or explore the falls on your own. Optional Zambezi Sunset Cruise.

Day 18 (Sun) Optional Botswana Wildlife excursion to Chobe National Park, or further explore the falls on your own, or perhaps try an adventure sport.

Day 19 (Mon) Overnight flight to the UK via Johannesburg.

Day 20 (Tue) Arrival in the UK.



| | Cape Town & the Garden Route + Gondwana Safari + Victoria Falls (15 nights) | Cape Town & the Garden Route + Kruger Safari + Victoria Falls (17 nights) | Cape Town & the Garden Route + Rovos Rail + Victoria Falls (17 nights) |
|------------------------|---|---|--|
| 9 February 2023 | 4799 | 5199 | 5499 |
| 9 March 2023 | 4799 | 5199 | 5499 |
| 27 July 2023 | 4899 | 5399 | 5699 |
| 14 September 2023 | 4749 | 5249 | 5549 |
| 12 October 2023 | 4949 | 5299 | 5699 |
| 9 November 2023 | 4949 | 5299 | 5699 |
| 23 November 2023 | 4899 | 5249 | 5649 |
| 25 January 2024 | 5049 | 5499 | 5799 |
| 22 February 2024 | 5049 | 5499 | 5799 |
| 7 March 2024 | 5099 | 5549 | 5849 |
| 21 March 2024 | 5049 | 5499 | 5799 |
| 4 April 2024 | 4999 | 5449 | 5749 |
| 2023 single supplement | 1100 | 1230 | 1600 |
| 2024 single supplement | 1150 | 1280 | 1650 |

Standard hotels included in prices above

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|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Cape Town | Sun Square City Bowl | Oudtshoorn | Survall Boutique | Kruger | Shiduli Lodge |
| Hermanus | Arabella Hotel | Stellenbosch | Oude Werf Hotel | Johannesburg | The Maslow |
| Knysna | Aha The Rex | Gondwana | Gondwana Kwena | Victoria Falls | Nguni Lodge |

| Superior hotels* | Supplement | Supplement | Supplement |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cape Town V&A Hotel | £440 (£880 single) | Stellenbosch Lanzerac | £120 (£200 single) |
| Knysna Knysna Hollow | £120 (£200 single) | Kruger Abelana River | £550 (£820 single) |
| Oudtshoorn Rosenhof | £100 (£140 single) | Jo'burg The Peech | £60 (£140 single) |
| Vic Falls Batonka | £195 (£285 single) | Vic Falls Vic Falls Hotel | £480 (£960 single) |

Special Offer: Upgrade in Cape Town, Knysna, Oudtshoorn and Stellenbosch for only £639 (£1159 single) *

* Prices for superior hotels vary throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THESE PRICES

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

Optional Excursions

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Iconic Cape Town | £90 |
| Peninsula & Penguins | £170 |
| Robben Island | £110 |
| Tsitsikamma National Park | £55 |
| Featherbed Eco Experience | £70 |
| Meerkat Magic | £45 |
| Cango Caves & Ostrich Safari | £45 |

Special Offer:

All 7 excursions above for just £499

Optional Excursions

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Victoria Falls | £55 |
| Zambezi Sunset Cruise | £85 |
| Botswana Wildlife | £210 |

Rovos Rail cabins*

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Pullman suite | included |
| Deluxe suite | £750 (£1100 single) |
| Royal suite | £1600 (£2,250 single) |

* Ask us for 2024 cabin upgrade prices

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except Gondwana Kwena, Shiduli, and Abelana River which are full board. Rovos Rail is all inclusive.

Prices are from London; for regionals see page 128

NAMIBIA

Described by the bushmen as the soul of the world, Namibia is one of the least densely populated countries on earth. It is filled with wide open spaces and diverse landscapes, including the rugged Damaraland, the salt pan of Etosha, the soaring orange dunes of Sossusvlei and the Skeleton Coast of the Atlantic Ocean. Wildlife is endless, with lion, cheetah, giraffe, wildebeest, elephant, rhino and around 700 species of birds, as well as marine life on the coast.

The various peoples who have inhabited the region have all left their mark, from the rock art of Twyfelfontein which dates from up to 6,000 years ago, to the German influence in the architecture of Windhoek and Swakopmund.

Long journeys across the country are part of the experience, and the travelling is as much part of the adventure as the destinations are - you cover over 2,000 kilometres on this trip. Sitting, thinking and absorbing the vast landscapes is as memorable and special as spotting game or climbing one of the tallest dunes in the world.



WHEN TO GO

Partially covered by the Namib, one of the world's driest deserts, Namibia's climate is generally very dry and pleasant. The cold Benguela current keeps the coast cool, damp and free of rain for most of the year. Inland, all the rain falls in summer (November to April). January and February are hot, when daytime temperatures in the interior can exceed 40°C, but nights are usually cool. From May to July the temperature cools. Daytime temperatures are still pleasantly warm but nights and early mornings can be chilly. July to October are usually the driest months, and temperatures are not excessive, so is a popular time to travel.

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|------------|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Windhoek | Av. max temp (°C) | 32 | 30 | 30 | 28 | 25 | 23 | 23 | 25 | 29 | 31 | 32 | 33 |
| | Av. min temp (°C) | 17 | 17 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 17 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 11 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Swakopmund | Av. max temp (°C) | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | Av. min temp (°C) | 15 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 14 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

CUSTOMER RATINGS

Below are overall scores from Llama Travel customers who travelled to Namibia in 2022.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Holiday Overall | <div style="width: 93%;"></div> | 93% |
| Value for money | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> | 83% |
| Namibia as a holiday destination | <div style="width: 97%;"></div> | 97% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="width: 95%;"></div> | 95% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="width: 79%;"></div> | 79% |



HOTELS IN NAMIBIA

HILTON HOTEL, WINDHOEK



This comfortable hotel boasts a rooftop pool with views over Windhoek, and excellent facilities including a spa. En-suite rooms are decorated in a warm, contemporary African style and have air conditioning.

INTU AFRIKA ZEBRA KALAHARI



Beautifully located overlooking the red dunes of the Southern Kalahari, this ranch has a restaurant, swimming pool and watering hole. The comfortable en-suite rooms are air conditioned.

ELEGANT DESERT LODGE, SOSSUSVLEI REGION



The Elegant Desert Lodge is 45 minutes from the national park gate in a lovely setting surrounded by mountains. There is a pool, bar and restaurant. En-suite rooms are air conditioned.

SWAKOPMUND HOTEL



Built in the old German station building, this charming hotel boasts three restaurants, a pool, bar and health studio. Colonial-style rooms are en-suite with air conditioning.

PALMWAG LODGE, DAMARALAND

This lodge has a beautiful oasis location. There is a swimming pool and bar serving meals and drinks. Simple rooms are en-suite with fans.

ETOSHA SAFARI LODGE, ETOSHA SOUTH

This characterful lodge, just 10km from the entrance to Etosha National Park, has a restaurant, bar and swimming pool. Rooms are en-suite with air conditioning.

GABUS GAME RANCH, ETOSHA EAST

A small lodge 90 minutes drive from the East Gate, there is a restaurant, pool and sun terrace. The en-suite, air conditioned rooms overlook the private waterhole for wildlife spotting.

WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS OF NAMIBIA

WINDHOEK KALAHARI SOSSUSVLEI

SWAKOPMUND DAMARALAND ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

15 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS FROM £3599



Discover Deadvlei, a dried white clay pan with skeletons of trees that are hundreds of years old

What makes Namibia unique is its vast landscapes and emptiness. This trip allows you to experience the best of the country's untamed desert, wildlife-filled national parks, soaring dunes and coastal towns.

Admire the Kalahari's red sands dotted with camelthorn trees. Be dwarfed by some of the highest dunes on earth in Sossusvlei, where the clay pans contrast sharply against the orange sand and blue sky. Explore Swakopmund at the gateway of Namibia's Skeleton Coast, where much of the architecture attests to the country's German influence, and the cold Atlantic coastal ecosystem supports myriad marine and birdlife. Palmwag is part of the huge

Damaraland region, where you can track the black rhino and go on safari drives in search of giraffe, elephant and lion, while Etosha National Park offers some of Africa's best game viewing in a striking setting. Windhoek is Namibia's capital and the start and end points to the trip.

In between you'll cover over 2,000 kilometres overland, much of it on gravel roads, making this one of the world's great road trips as you spend multiple days watching the scenery change, and have plenty of time to reflect on the journey.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall  93%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Wed) Fly overnight from the UK to Windhoek.

Day 2 (Thu) Windhoek Arrive in Windhoek. You are met at the airport and taken to your hotel. You have time to explore the city, which has a German feel (1 night).

Day 3 (Fri) Kalahari A fascinating 300km journey through mountainous scenery to the Kalahari Desert, characterised by red sand dunes and endless grass plains. Arrive at the lodge in time for a late lunch and take the optional Sundowner Game Drive in the evening (1 night).

Day 4 (Sat) Sossusvlei area Leave early for a beautiful 300km drive to the Sossusvlei area, gateway to the famous 320-metre high sand dunes which create an unforgettable wilderness in the world's oldest desert. Afternoon free (2 nights).

Day 5 (Sun) Sossusvlei area A very early drive to the sand dunes for an iconic sunrise photo and the chance to climb some of the dunes. Also visit Deadvlei, the surreal site where dead camelthorn trees reach out of the dried marsh, and the thirty-metre deep Sesriem Canyon, before returning for an afternoon's rest in your hotel.

Day 6 (Mon) Swakopmund A long drive to Swakopmund, on the Skeleton Coast, stopping en-route at an unexpected German bakery in the desert and perhaps spotting flamingos as you near the town. Arrive mid-afternoon and have the rest of the day to explore the coastal town (2 nights).

Day 7 (Tue) Swakopmund Take the optional Catamaran Cruise Excursion at Walvis Bay where you may spot dolphins,

whales, turtles, seals and pelicans. Afternoon free.

Day 8 (Wed) Damaraland A full-day drive to Palmwag, covering 500km. You stop at the Twyfelfontein rock engravings which date back over 2,000 years (2 nights).

Day 9 (Thu) Damaraland In the morning, take the optional Rhino Tracking excursion to observe one of the world's most endangered species. Alternatively take the optional Palmwag Game Drive with multiple game-viewing opportunities.

Day 10 (Fri) Etosha South A 300km drive to Etosha in time for lunch at the lodge. Take a late-afternoon game drive to spot a variety of wildlife, hopefully including lion, giraffe, elephant and rhino (2 nights).

Day 11 (Sat) Etosha South Enjoy game-viewing in the park with the option to take an Open Vehicle Game Drive excursion for a more classic safari experience

Day 12 (Sun) Etosha East A fantastic day driving across Etosha National Park giving wonderful wildlife spotting opportunities as you stop at the waterholes to get as close as possible to the animals (1 night).

Day 13 (Mon) Windhoek A full day drive south to Windhoek, stopping at the Okahandja craft market en route (1 night).

Day 14 (Tue) Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK.

Day 15 (Wed) Arrival in the UK.

For extensions to Cape Town or Victoria Falls see page 117.



Track the critically-endangered black rhino on foot in Damaraland



Look for rhino in with the help of a guide and spotter

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

KALAHARI SUNDOWNER GAME DRIVE

This late afternoon excursion takes you into the Kalahari where you can look for a range of desert-adapted flora and fauna including giraffe, oryx, wildebeest, eland and kudu. As the day draws to a close, enjoy a sundowner drink and snacks whilst watching the breathtaking sunset over the Kalahari. Return to the lodge in time for dinner.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 90%

CATAMARAN CRUISE

A morning catamaran excursion from in Walvis Bay, 30 minutes south of Swakopmund. On the journey, the boat will be accompanied by sea birds and, depending on the season, whales, dolphins and turtles. You also pass several ships and oil rigs in the bay, and you see the lighthouse at Pelican Point, home to around 60,000 cape fur seals. You cruise past oyster farms before trying them yourself on board, accompanied by sparkling wine. Return to Swakopmund around midday.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 90%

RHINO TRACKING

This morning excursion takes you in search of rhinos, with the guidance of a qualified guide and tracker. Set off at dawn, and once the rhinos have been located, you follow this rare species on foot as it moves across the landscape. The black rhino is one of the world's most endangered animals, and almost half of them are found in Namibia. Whilst seeing rhinos is not guaranteed, there is a fairly good chance as Palmwag supports a sizeable population of them. This excursion involves walking on rocky, uneven ground in the heat, so a good level of fitness is required. As you are a tracking wild animals on foot, be aware that a level of risk is involved, which you accept when taking this excursion.



Spot lions and other big game in Etosha

PALMWAG GAME DRIVE

As an alternative to rhino tracking, this four-hour safari vehicle drive into the Palmwag Concession allows you to discover the wildlife that roams in this arid paradise. An experienced guide will show you all that the concession has to offer, helping you spot species such as hyena, elephant, oryx and zebra, and pointing out the varied birdlife which includes eagles, falcons and kestrels. Predators like lions, cheetah and leopard are also sometimes spotted.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 76%

ETOSHA OPEN VEHICLE GAME DRIVE

This half-day excursion is an alternative to the morning game drive in the standard tour vehicle, taken with an experienced guide in an open-sided vehicle, which allows for a better view of the wildlife, giving a classic safari experience. Sounds and smells can be picked up more easily, the vehicle has better manoeuvrability, and you will have better photography opportunities.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 90%



An open vehicle gives better game spotting opportunities in Etosha



Admire the Sossusvlei Dunes in the early morning light



Take a catamaran cruise on Namibia's coastline

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Wildlife & Wilderness of Namibia (12 nights) | |
|--|-------|
| Date of departure | Price |
| 3 May 2023 | 3599 |
| 26 July 2023 | 4099 |
| 6 September 2023 | 3749 |
| 20 September 2023 | 3749 |
| 4 October 2023 | 3749 |
| 8 November 2023 | 3749 |
| Single supplement* | 520 |
| *from July 2023, single suppl. is £580 | |

Prices from London; regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Windhoek | Hilton Hotel |
| Kalahari | Intu Afrika |
| Sossusvlei | Elegant Desert Lodge |
| Swakopmund | Swakopmund Hotel |
| Damaraland | Palmwag Lodge |
| Etosha South | Etosha Safari Lodge |
| Etosha East | Gabus Game Ranch |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast, except in Bagatelle and Palmwag, where dinner is included

Optional Excursions

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Kalahari Sundowner Game Drive | £55 |
| Catamaran Cruise | £60 |
| Palmwag Game Drive | £75 |

Special Offer:

| | |
|------------------------------------|------|
| All three excursions for just £159 | |
| Rhino Tracking | £175 |
| Etosha Open Vehicle Game Drive | £70 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking



Palmwag Lodge, Damaraland



Etosha Safari Lodge, Etosha South



Gabus Game Ranch, Etosha East

CAPE TOWN

3 NIGHTS FROM £649

HOTELS & EXCURSIONS

See pages 106-107 for details of all hotels and excursions in Cape Town.

See page 110 for details of all hotels and excursions in Victoria Falls.



Take a vineyard tour in the Cape Winelands



Wander around the vibrant Bo-Kaap neighbourhood

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Cape Town (3 nights) | |
| £649 (£859 single) | |
| Prices vary throughout the year. See our website or ask us for details | |
| Standard hotel included in prices above Sun Square City Bowl Accommodation is bed and breakfast. | |
| Superior hotel | <i>Supplement</i> |
| Victoria & Alfred | £330 (£660 single) |
| Price varies throughout year. Ask us for details | |
| Optional Excursions | |
| City & Table Mountain | £130 |
| Cape Peninsula | £240 |
| Robben Island | £130 |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate this extension. | |

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Victoria Falls (4 nights) | |
| £1199 (£1449 single) | |
| An extra charge may be payable for rearranging flights to / from Victoria Falls | |
| Standard hotel included in prices above Nguni Lodge Accommodation is bed and breakfast. | |
| Superior hotel | <i>Supplement</i> |
| Batonka Guest Lodge | £195 (£285 single) |
| Victoria Falls Hotel* | £480 (£960 single) |
| *price varies throughout the year. Ask us or see our website for details. | |
| Optional Excursions | |
| Victoria Falls | £55 |
| Zambezi Sunset Cruise | £85 |
| Botswana Wildlife | £210 |
| A minimum of 2 passengers is required to operate this extension. | |



Look out for Elephants along the Chobe River



Take the cable car up Table Mountain for panoramic views across the city, the harbour and Table Bay towards Robben Island

Cape Town provides a real contrast to Namibia, with this vibrant city offering fantastic food, wine, scenery and culture, making it a perfect combination after the emptiness of Namibia. On this extension, you have time to explore the city itself, take the cable car up Table Mountain and venture out to discover the surrounding natural beauty including Cape Point National Park and Boulders Beach, known for its large population of penguins.

Days 1-13 (Wed - Mon) Follow Wildlife & Wilderness of Namibia itinerary on page 114.

Day 14 (Tue) Cape Town Fly from Windhoek to Cape Town. (3 nights)

Day 15 (Wed) Cape Town Take the optional City & Table Mountain excursion which includes the cable car up Table Mountain and a visit to sites in the city.

Day 16 (Thu) Cape Town Take the optional full day Cape Peninsula excursion, including a boat ride to Seal Island, a journey along scenic Chapman's Peak, a visit to Cape Point, and a chance to spot the endangered African penguin at Boulders Beach. An excursion to Robben Island is also possible.

Day 17 (Fri) Fly overnight to the UK.

Day 18 (Sat) Arrival in the UK.

Please ask us for additional nights in Cape Town.

VICTORIA FALLS

4 NIGHTS FROM £1199



Admire Victoria Falls on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe

Combine the desert and vastness of Namibia with one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. Victoria Falls is called "Mosi-oa-Tunya" by the locals, meaning "smoke that thunders". The waterfalls drop over 100 metres into the Zambezi Gorge with the veil of mist forming rainbows against the blue sky. Its banks are also home to wildlife and the Zambezi itself hosts pods of hippos and crocodiles. Water flow varies throughout the year. See page 117 for details.

Days 1-13 (Wed - Mon) Follow Wildlife & Wilderness of Namibia itinerary on page 114.

Days 14 (Tue) Windhoek Have an additional night to explore Namibia's capital, to tie in with flights (1 nights).

Day 15 (Wed) Victoria Falls Fly to Victoria Falls. You are met and taken to your hotel (3 nights).

Day 16 (Thu) Victoria Falls Take the optional Victoria Falls excursion to explore the falls. In the evening take the optional Zambezi Sunset Cruise excursion, where you can watch wildlife and enjoy the scenery.

Day 17 (Fri) Victoria Falls Take the optional full day Botswana Wildlife excursion to Chobe National Park. You cruise on the Chobe River in the morning, then take an afternoon game drive after lunch.

Day 18 - 19 (Sat - Sun) Take an overnight flight to the UK via Johannesburg, arriving the next day.

BOTSWANA & VICTORIA FALLS

Botswana, sparsely populated and full of vast nature reserves, is blessed with some of the greatest wildlife viewing in the world. Thanks to Botswana's strict control of tourist numbers, a safari in this region feels truly wild. The Okavango Delta makes up one of the richest ecosystems on earth, teeming with animals that gather around the waterways and lagoons. Chobe National Park, another wildlife-rich reserve, is particularly known for large herds of elephants, with estimates of up to 85,000 gathering in the dry season.

The Zambezi River flows over the Victoria Falls, on the Zimbabwe-Zambia border, creating one of the world's great natural wonders, with the world's largest single sheet of water flowing into the gorge. The area is also brimming with wildlife and beautiful views, making a visit to this region one of the greatest nature experiences on the planet.



WHEN TO GO

Botswana's dry season is between May and October whilst the wettest time of year is January and February. The Delta flows all year round, although wildlife tends to be easier to spot during drier months, as the animals congregate around the watering holes.

High water at Victoria Falls is from February to July, with the flow at its fullest in March and April, creating an incredible spectacle, although the amount of spray can obscure the view. August to January are low water, with November and December having the lowest flow, when parts of the gorge are water free, although the lower spray means the views are much clearer.

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|----------------|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Kasane | Average max temp (°C) | 31 | 21 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 27 | 26 | 30 | 34 | 35 | 34 | 32 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 20 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 16 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 16 | 13 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 15 |
| Moremi | Average max temp (°C) | 25 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 20 | 24 | 25 | 25 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 19 | 19 | 17 | 13 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 16 | 18 | 19 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 8 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| Victoria Falls | Average max temp (°C) | 28 | 29 | 30 | 32 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 34 | 33 | 31 | 30 | 28 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 21 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 21 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 17 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 17 |

Below are overall scores from Llama Travel customers who travelled to Botswana in 2022.

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| Holiday Overall | <div style="width: 99%;"></div> | 99% |
| Value for money | <div style="width: 89%;"></div> | 89% |
| Botswana as a holiday destination | <div style="width: 99%;"></div> | 99% |
| Service of reps and guides | <div style="width: 94%;"></div> | 94% |
| Weather during holiday | <div style="width: 83%;"></div> | 83% |



Leopard on the lookout in the Chobe National Park

DELTA MOBILE SAFARI & VICTORIA FALLS

OKAVANGO DELTA CHOBE NATIONAL PARK VICTORIA FALLS

14 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS FROM £5349

HOTELS

LETAKA TENTED CAMP

Tents are pitched at designated sites in the Okavango Delta. There is a campfire area, dining area and sleeping tents. More information is on page 120.

Llama Travel Customer Ratings

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|---------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Overall | <div style="width: 99%;"></div> | 99% |
| Camp | <div style="width: 89%;"></div> | 89% |
| Guide | <div style="width: 94%;"></div> | 94% |

THAMALAKANE RIVER LODGE, MAUN

On the banks of the Thamalakane River, there is a pool, tranquil gardens and river views near Maun. The en-suite thatched stone chalets have air conditioning.

RIVER VIEW LODGE, KASANE

A comfortable lodge on the banks of the Chobe River with a restaurant, pool and bar. The en-suite rooms have a private veranda, air conditioning and WiFi.

NGUNI LODGE, VICTORIA FALLS

A small, comfortable hotel with a shaded garden, pool, terrace, restaurant and bar. Rooms are en-suite with air conditioning.

BATONKA LODGE, VICTORIA FALLS

Set in wonderful gardens, this beautiful hotel has a pool, restaurant and tasteful, comfortable rooms with colonial touches. Rooms are en-suite with air conditioning.

VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL, VICTORIA FALLS

With a fabulous location with views towards the falls, this iconic, and historic, colonial-style hotel has several restaurants, spa, pool and gardens. The rooms are well appointed with en-suite bathrooms and air conditioning.



The Okavango Delta is home to some of the best wildlife viewing in Africa

If a true African safari experience is what you are after, Botswana will deliver. The country limits tourist numbers in the national parks, resulting in one of the most exclusive, wildlife-dense safari experiences in the world. A mobile tented safari is a great way to experience the wonders of Botswana, allowing you to get into the heart of the best wildlife areas without the high cost of Botswana's game lodges, and provides an intimate experience of the African bush. Those who are up for an adventure will be rewarded with the

simplicity and serenity of the trip - early mornings, abundant wildlife, relaxation around the campfire, starry night skies and a bedtime soundtrack of the bush. This Botswana tour includes six nights camping in the Okavango Delta (three in Moremi National Park, three in the Khwai Concession), two nights near Chobe National Park, and ends with two nights at the spectacular Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe-Zambia border.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 99%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Thu) Fly from the UK to Maun via Johannesburg.

Day 2 (Fri) Maun Arrive in Maun, the safari capital of Botswana and gateway to the Okavango Delta. You are met at the airport and taken to your lodge (1 night).

Day 3 (Sat) Moremi National Park After lunch, transfer to the airport for a light aircraft flight to Xakanaxa, possibly spotting herds of elephants and hippos as you fly over the Okavango Delta. Your guide and game-viewing vehicle will be at the airstrip to transfer you to your campsite in the Moremi National Park. Enjoy a late-afternoon game drive (3 nights).

Day 4 (Sun) Moremi National Park Wake before sunrise for breakfast and your first full day of game viewing. Wildlife is most active in the early morning, increasing your chances of spotting some of Botswana's iconic species. Look out for lion, buffalo and numerous antelope species. Return to camp in the late morning for lunch and relaxation. In the late afternoon head out on another game drive, keeping your eyes peeled for leopard, hyena, hippos and varied bird species.

Day 5 (Mon) Moremi National Park Take an early morning game drive in the hopes of spotting more game. If you are lucky you may see endangered African wild dogs and unique birds like the lilac-breasted roller and African spoonbill. After lunch and a siesta at camp, enjoy an afternoon game drive to look for more game, such as the unusual red lechwe antelope.

Day 6 (Tue) Khwai Another early morning as you set off through some of the most beautiful parts of the Okavango Delta, looking for wildlife on route to the next campsite in the Khwai Community Area. Have free time to rest before a late afternoon game drive to spot crocodile, cheetah, and birds like African hawk eagles and scarlet-chested sunbirds (3 nights).

Day 7 (Wed) Khwai Take a short game drive to the waterway to board a mokoro dugout canoe, where you are guided through the channels by an experienced mokoro guide, spotting spectacular birdlife, crocodiles and hippos. After lunch, go on a game drive to see predators, giraffe and antelope like tsessebe, wildebeest and kudu.

Day 8 (Thu) Khwai Today includes an early morning game drive or, depending on the season, a walking excursion to spot cuckoo hawks, bat hawks and antelope species. Lunch and relaxation time is followed by an afternoon game drive.

Day 9 (Fri) Kasane Take a final game drive to the airstrip for a light aircraft flight to Kasane. Transfer to your hotel near Chobe National Park. Free afternoon (2 nights).

Day 10 (Sat) Kasane Take the optional Chobe Wildlife excursion, comprising a morning game drive and afternoon game boat ride on the Chobe River.

Day 11 (Sun) Victoria Falls After breakfast, cross the border, driving 90 minutes to Victoria Falls, located in Zimbabwe. Enjoy a free afternoon, perhaps taking the optional Zambezi Sunset Cruise excursion (2 nights).

Day 12 (Mon) Victoria Falls Take the optional Victoria Falls excursion to learn about the history and observe the flora and fauna, or have a free day to explore the falls independently.

Day 13 (Tue) Transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the UK via Johannesburg.

Day 14 (Wed) Arrival in the UK.

On some dates, Khwai is visited before Moremi.



A game drive in the Okavango Delta



Ride a mokoro canoe down the River Khwai



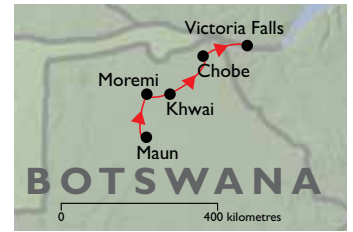
Spot African Spoonbills among many other bird species

BOTSWANA

EXTENDED DELTA MOBILE SAFARI

OKAVANGO DELTA SAVUTI CHOBE NATIONAL PARK VICTORIA FALLS

16 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS FROM £5649



Cheetah near a herd of Oryxes

If you would like more time to take in the Botswanan wildlife, our extended safari option offers you three extra nights in the wilderness. On the extended safari, you visit all of the same destinations as you would on the regular safari, with the addition of Savuti.

The unique geography of Savuti lends itself to a different kind of wildlife to the rest of Botswana. The Savuti marsh has been the stage for many

wildlife documentaries in Africa. The wide grassy plains provide excellent hunting grounds for cheetahs, who like to perch on the high rocks to get a view of their prey. You can also spot elephants, lions, leopards, hyenas, wild dogs and more.

You also take a boat cruise down the Chobe river where you can spot pods of hippo, large crocodiles and more game by the river banks.



Marvel at Victoria Falls on the Zambia-Zimbabwe border



Spot leopards in the Moremi Game Reserve

ITINERARY

Day 1 - 8 (Fri - Fri) Follow itinerary on page 118.

Day 9 (Sat) Khwai - Savuti Head further north to Savuti in central Chobe. Cross stunning landscapes including the Magwikwe ridge, which skirts around the Mababe depression. The depression is a birder's paradise, home to a variety of species including eagles, falcons, sparrow hawks and secretary birds.

Day 10 (Sun) Savuti Head into the bush for a morning game drive, with chances of spotting lions, cheetahs, hyenas, elephants and wild dogs. Return for lunch and a relaxed afternoon before heading out again in the late afternoon. The central Chobe area is much hillier than the rest of Botswana, providing habitat to a completely different array of flora and fauna.

Day 11 (Mon) Savuti Another day to appreciate the wildlife of central Chobe. Once more, head out on game drives in the morning and evening, with time to relax in the afternoon. If you are lucky, you may witness some dramatic interactions between elephants and lions.

Day 12 (Tue) Kasane Depart Savuti early to drive to Kasane, arriving in time for lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, take a boat cruise down the Chobe River. The river is host to large pods of hippo as well as some of the biggest crocodiles in Africa.

Day 13 (Wed) Kasane - Victoria Falls Travel onwards to Victoria Falls, arriving around lunch time. Enjoy a free afternoon or take the optional Sunset Zambezi Cruise in the evening. The cruise is a fantastic way to relax and admire the beauty of the river, enjoying drinks and snacks as you watch the sun set.

Day 14 (Thu) Victoria Falls An iconic African sight, and one of the largest waterfalls in the world. You can explore them for yourself from the numerous lookouts on the Zimbabwean side, or take the optional Victoria Falls Excursion to visit the falls from the Zimbabwean side.

Day 15 (Fri) Transfer to Victoria Falls airport for your overnight flight to the UK, via Johannesburg.

Day 16 (Sat) Arrival in the UK.

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

SAVE UP TO £300 ON THE PRICES BELOW

See our website for savings on the date you are interested in

| Delta Mobile Safari + Victoria Falls | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| | Delta Safari (11 nights) | Extended Delta Safari (13 nights) | |
| Month of departure | 1-19 Mar 2023 | 5349 | 5649 |
| | 20 Mar -30 Apr | 6049 | 6699 |
| | May 2023 | 6149 | 6799 |
| | 1-25 Jun 2023 | 6149 | 6799 |
| | 26 Jun-31 Jul | 7099 | 7899 |
| | August 2023 | 7099 | 7899 |
| | September 2023 | 6549 | 7299 |
| | 1-27 Oct 2023 | 6549 | 7299 |
| | 28 Oct-30 Nov | 6149 | 6799 |
| | Single supplement | 485 | 395 |

Delta Safari departures are most Thursdays. Extended Delta Safari departures are most Fridays. See our website for exact dates. Prices are from London; for regional departures see p128.

Standard hotels included in prices above

Maun Thamalakane River Lodge
Okavango Delta Letaka Tented Safari
Kasane River View Lodge
Victoria Falls Nguni Lodge

Accommodation is bed and breakfast

Superior hotels Supplement

Vic Falls Batonka £150 (£210 single)

Vic Falls Vic Falls Htl £400 (£800 single)

Superior hotel prices vary through the year. Ask us or see our website for details.

Optional Excursions

Chobe Wildlife £120

Victoria Falls £55

Zambezi Sunset Cruise £85

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking



Thamalakane River Lodge, Maun



River View Lodge, Kasane



Batonka Lodge, Victoria Falls



Letaka Mobile Tented Safari, Okavango Delta



Nguni Lodge, Victoria Falls



Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls

WHAT TO EXPECT ON A LETAKA MOBILE TENTED SAFARI



Spot giraffes whilst on safari



Campfire and covered dining area



Dining area



Sit back and unwind beside the campfire



Twin tent interior



Tents come with a shaded porch



Camp in the Moremi Game Reserve and fall asleep to the bush soundtrack underneath a starry sky

A Letaka mobile tented safari is an adventurous way of experiencing one of the world's great wildlife areas. With a maximum of seven guests, you will be well looked-after by a guide, chef and up to two general staff. After being met by your guide at the airstrip near Moremi National Park, you are driven through the park in an open game vehicle to your first camp. All camps are set up by the general staff, ready for your arrival, when you will be assigned a tent.

The camp consists of a campfire area, an open-sided covered dining area with table and chairs, and individual sleeping tents. Safari tents are thick canvas with mesh windows and doors which can be left open to let in a breeze, or zipped closed with canvas to keep out the cold. There is no air conditioning or fan so tents can get hot during the day. There are single camp beds inside and a small shaded porch with foldable camp chairs. There is a private bathroom area with a bucket shower and pit toilet. Single, twin and family tents are available. There is no phone signal or WiFi when camping. The camps are not fenced, so wild animals can wander through camp, so you should not leave your tent after lights out.

Mornings in the bush start early. You will be up before sunrise for a simple breakfast of toast, cereal, fruit and hot drinks, followed by a game viewing excursion (usually a game drive). After the sun is up you will stop in a picturesque spot for a tea break, later returning to camp for an early lunch - a hearty main accompanied by salads. The rest of the afternoon is free to read or relax. In the late afternoon you head out for a second game drive, returning to camp for a simple but tasty three-course meal, enjoyed under the stars with the fire crackling in the background.

On the fourth day (and seventh of the extended safari) you take a full day game drive through the park to the second camp. Your days at this camp will follow the same rhythm as the first.

Food and alcoholic drinks are included. Vegetarian meals can be catered for but not vegan or other dietary requirements. Order of excursions can vary.

Tipping the guide and crew is usually well-deserved and expected. Approximately US\$25 per person per day is recommended.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS



Impala can jump as high as three meters

SUNSET ZAMBEZI CRUISE

Board the boat in the late afternoon for a two-hour cruise along the upper Zambezi River, spotting wildlife on the river banks with the help of an experienced guide. The Zambezi is home to hippos, crocodiles, elephants and a variety of birdlife. Enjoy drinks and snacks aboard as the sun sets over Africa, before returning to the jetty and strolling back to your hotel.



Victoria Falls is one of the world's largest waterfalls

CHOBE WILDLIFE

Take the optional two-part excursion in Chobe National Park. Take a morning game drive to spot Chobe's famous elephants and other game. Look out for lion, leopard, buffalo and a variety of antelope including sable, kudu, and eland. Return to your lodge for lunch (not included) and time to relax. Part two of the excursion is an afternoon game-viewing boat ride on the Chobe River.



Watch the sun set over the Zambezi whilst enjoying a sundowner

VICTORIA FALLS

Enjoy a two-hour guided tour of the Zimbabwe side of the falls, where you learn about the history and observe the flora and fauna of the area. Walk along the spectacular pathway with viewpoints showcasing the mighty falls. You are collected from and dropped off at your hotel.

EUROPE

On the following pages you'll find our selection of European holidays. We've chosen destinations that we love, but are perhaps less familiar to most people. These offer a similar experience as our long haul holidays, with a sense of the exotic that's beyond what most European hotspots can offer. The destinations we've picked offer the same mix of fascinating history, rich culture, beautiful scenery and great food. Our expert guides and carefully-crafted itineraries will open up these countries for you, showing you the best of what these destinations have to offer.

ICELAND

No European country can compete with Iceland's phenomenal landscapes. From giant geysirs that shoot 40 metre jets of boiling water, to vast glaciers, and Europe's biggest waterfalls, Iceland is a country like no other.

SLOVENIA

Among the pristine forests, azure rivers, snow-capped mountains and Mediterranean coastline, you will find secret lakes and untouched Venetian towns.

ALBANIA

Albania boasts a rich cultural heritage that is distinct from its Balkan neighbours. As well as Greek, Roman and Ottoman ruins, you'll find dramatic mountains, expansive lakes, wild meadows and sunny beaches.

WHEN TO GO

The best time to visit Iceland is in summer, when the days are long and the temperatures are moderate. The long days help you to make the most of Iceland's great outdoors, and in the height of summer you can see the midnight sun.

The best time to visit Slovenia is during the summer months when the sun is shining and the lakes are at their best.

The best time to tour Albania is in May, June, September and October, avoiding the peak of summer when the heat can become oppressive.

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|-----------|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Reykjavik | Average max temp (°C) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | -3 | -2 | -2 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 0 | -1 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Ljubljana | Average max temp (°C) | 4 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 21 | 24 | 26 | 26 | 21 | 15 | 9 | 4 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | -3 | -3 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 6 | 2 | -2 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 5 |
| Tirana | Average max temp (°C) | 11 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 23 | 27 | 29 | 29 | 26 | 21 | 16 | 12 |
| | Average min temp (°C) | 2 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 17 | 19 | 18 | 15 | 11 | 6 | 3 |
| | Rainfall (cm) | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 9 |



HOTELS IN ICELAND

SKUGGI HOTEL, REYKJAVÍK



Centrally located to easily discover downtown Reykjavik, the hotel has a bar. There is no restaurant, but good restaurants are close-by. The en-suite rooms are comfortable with a minimalist style.

ICELANDAIR HOTEL, AKUREYRI



A short stroll away from the centre with great views of the fjord and mountains. There is a garden and good restaurant and en-suite rooms are comfortable with plenty of natural light.

FOSSHÓTEL, LAKE MÝVATN



This modern hotel overlooks Lake Mývatn. There is a bar, sauna and the stylish restaurant serves Nordic cuisine. The stylish en-suite rooms have timber-clad walls.

LAKE HOTEL, EGILSSTADIR



Sitting on the shores of Lake Lagarfljót, a family-run hotel with an excellent restaurant, spa, hot tub and cosy en-suite rooms.

FOSSHÓTEL, GLACIER LAGOON



Overlooking the ocean, this hotel has a restaurant, sauna and hot tub. Rooms are en-suite and have large windows that overlook the mountainous terrain.

HOTEL VÍK Í MÝRDAL, VÍK



This hotel is ideal for exploring the iconic black sand beaches nearby. There is a restaurant serving local cuisine. En-suite rooms are airy with great views.

ICELAND FULL CIRCLE

REYKJAVÍK AKUREYRI LAKE MÝVATN EGILSSTADIR
JOKULSARLON GLACIER LAGOON VÍK GOLDEN CIRCLE
8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS FROM £2649



Walk behind the curtain of water at Seljalandsfoss and marvel at the waterfall from a completely new perspective

Iceland is a destination unlike any other in Europe. With its black sand beaches, spectacular waterfalls, geothermal lagoons, glistening glaciers, ice-covered volcanoes and gushing geysirs, it is the perfect destination for nature lovers.

Start your adventure in Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital. Stroll through the lively city centre, where there are many museums, cosy cafés and traditional restaurants. Then embark on an epic road journey around the island following Iceland's 1,000 mile ring road. Each section of the journey is different, with incredible waterfalls, volcanoes, glaciers, forests, barren deserts, mountains, geysirs and fjords all

visible from the vehicle. With 30 active volcano systems, this harsh natural environment has resulted in Iceland being a hotbed for geothermal activity and geological formations. Despite these conditions, there is still an abundance of wildlife, and it is possible to spot whales, dolphins and seals on boat trips from the north coast. As the most sparsely populated country in Europe, you will pass small fishing communities, traditional turf houses and vast farms full of beautiful Icelandic horses and sheep.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall  93%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Fri) Reykjavik Fly from the UK to Reykjavik where you are taken to your hotel. Free afternoon to explore this fascinating city (1 night).

Day 2 (Sat) Reykjavik - Akureyri Head north on the scenic journey to Akureyri. Stop at the Grábrók volcano and walk to the top of the 170-metre high crater. There will be time for lunch in the fishing village of Hvammstangi before continuing to the Glaumbaer Farm & Museum, known for its well-preserved turf houses. Arrive in Akureyri in the late afternoon and take the optional Akureyri Whale Watching excursion (1 night).

Day 3 (Sun) Akureyri - Lake Mývatn Depart Akureyri, stopping at the impressive Godafoss waterfall, then continue towards the Lake Mývatn area, where you spend the day exploring the surrounding lava fields, lake shore, caves and volcanic craters. In the late afternoon take the optional Mývatn Nature Baths excursion to soak in idyllic hot springs (1 night).

Day 4 (Mon) Lake Mývatn - Egilsstadir On your journey east, stop at the Hverir geothermal area and Dettifoss, the most powerful waterfall in Europe. Then cross the Icelandic desert, continuing to Studlagil, a beautiful canyon known for its tall basalt rock columns. Arrive at your hotel in Egilsstadir on a beautiful forested lake shore in the late afternoon (1 night).

Day 5 (Tue) Egilsstadir - Glacier Lagoon Journey to the southern coast, passing calm fjords, spectacular waterfalls and harbour villages on the way, and visit Stokksnes, an impressive headland of black sand dunes. End the day's journey at the Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, filled with icebergs that have broken free from the mighty Breidamerkurjökull, an outlet glacier of Europe's largest ice cap. Walk along Diamond Beach

and marvel at the glistening icebergs that wash up on the jet-black sand shore. It is sometimes possible to spot seals relaxing on the smaller icebergs or swimming in the lagoon. For the more adventurous, take the optional Glacier Lagoon Zodiac Ride excursion to get up close to the face of the glacier (1 night).

Day 6 (Wed) Glacier Lagoon - Vik Drive along the south coast to Skaftafell National Park and walk to Svartifoss waterfall. Then, continue to Reynisfjara, where the long black beach contrasts with dramatic cliffs, caves and sea arches. Continue to the Dyrhólaey peninsula, famous for its incredible views of Iceland's south coast. From May to August, it is possible to spot Atlantic puffins nesting on the cliff faces. In the afternoon, check-in to your hotel in Vik, the southernmost village on the island (1 night).

Day 7 (Thu) Vik - Reykjavik Take the final leg back to Reykjavik, starting with two of Iceland's most impressive waterfalls: Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss. Then start the famous Golden Circle route by exploring the Geysir geothermal area, where the Strokkur geysir normally erupts every ten minutes. Continue to the last waterfall of the trip, the spectacular Gullfoss, before driving through Thingvellir National Park which boasts a fascinating combination of Icelandic history and natural beauty. Return to Reykjavik in the evening for your last night in Iceland (1 night).

Day 8 (Fri) Transfer to Keflavik airport for your return flight to the UK.

If you would like to extend your stay in Reykjavik, let us know.



Sail between the massive icebergs on the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

AKUREYRI WHALE WATCHING

Akureyri lies at the bottom of the Eyjafjörður fjord, and its bay is one of the best places in Europe for whale watching. It is often possible to spot humpback, minke and bottlenose whales, as well as harbour porpoise and white beaked dolphins on a three-hour boat ride from Akureyri harbour. On board is a specially trained whale watching guide who is an expert at spotting the whales and explaining their behaviours.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 80%

MÝVATN NATURE BATHS

The Mývatn Nature Baths are a set of geothermally heated pools and steam baths overlooking the stunning volcanic landscape. After a day of walking on lava fields and volcanic cones, soak your weary muscles in soothing milky-blue geothermal waters for a couple of hours. The warm water contains a unique blend of minerals, particularly sulphur, which is said to be good for skin and respiratory problems.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 93%



Watch the Strokkur geyser shoot jets of boiling water 40 metres high

GLACIER LAGOON ZODIAC RIDE

The Jökulsárlón glacier face is 4.5 miles from the shore, so an adventurous zodiac boat ride is the best way to get up close and personal with the glacier. You are suited up in a weather suit before embarking on an exhilarating ride sailing around the massive icebergs, reaching speeds of up to 30mph as the guide explains the geography of the glacier, icebergs and the surrounding area. The tour of the lagoon takes around one hour.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 89%



Relax in the serene milky-blue hot spring waters in the Lake Mývatn area



Spot whales in Eyjafjörður, Iceland's longest fjord



The Hallgrímskirkja Church towers over Reykjavik



Admire the impressive Godafoss waterfall



Spot fumaroles and bubbling mud pools in the Hverir area



Visit Studlagil canyon and its stunning blue glacial river

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Iceland Full Circle (7 nights) | |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Date of departure | |
| 9 June 2023 | 2749 |
| 21 July 2023 | 2799 |
| 11 August 2023 | 2799 |
| 8 September 2023 | 2649 |
| 15 September 2023 | 2649 |
| Single supplement* | 700 |

Prices from London; regional departures see p128

| Standard hotels included in prices above | |
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| Reykjavik | Hotel Skuggi |
| Akureyri | Icelandair Hotel |
| Lake Mývatn | Fosshótel Mývatn |
| Egilsstaðir | Lake Hotel |
| Glacier Lagoon | Fosshótel Glacier Lagoon |
| Vík í Mýrdal | Hotel Vík í Mýrdal |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast
Hotels vary on some dates. See our website or call us for more details.

Optional Excursions

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Whale Watching | £95 |
| Mývatn Nature Baths | £55 |
| Glacier Lagoon Zodiac Ride | £90 |

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking



Stroll along the black sand beaches on the south coast

HOTELS IN SLOVENIA

HOTEL PARK, LAKE BLEĐ



This renovated hotel located on the shores of Lake Bled has a rooftop pool, spa and gym with panoramic views over the lake. The hotel's restaurant is famous for producing the Slovenian cream cake *Kremsnite*. The modern, en-suite rooms are spacious and have a private balcony and air conditioning. Lake view rooms are available for an additional cost.

BOUTIQUE HOTEL PORTOROŽ, PORTOROŽ



Located on Slovenia's Adriatic coast, the hotel has an outdoor pool overlooking the sea. There is a spacious restaurant and bar with an outdoor terrace area. All rooms are en-suite with a private balcony and air conditioning. Sea view rooms are available for an extra cost.

HOTEL LEV, LJUBLJANA



A short distance from Ljubljana's pedestrianised city centre, the Hotel Lev is ideally positioned to explore the Slovenian capital. The hotel has a bistro-style restaurant and a bar area as well as a gym. Rooms are en-suite with air conditioning.



Climb to Bled Castle for great views over the lake

NATURAL WONDERS OF SLOVENIA

LAKE BLEĐ PORTOROŽ ADRIATIC COAST LJUBLJANA

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS FROM £1399



Explore the Venetian port city of Piran on the Slovenian coast

Nestled in the heart of Europe, this small country offers an incredible array of unforgettable experiences. Admire the beauty of Lake Bled and Lake Bohinj, surrounded by pristine forests. Walk along river canyons with vibrant turquoise waters flowing from the melt-water of the snow-capped Julian Alps above. Discover castles with dramatic views and historic churches.

Continue to the Adriatic Coast, exploring one of Europe's most impressive cave systems on the way.

Then wander the charming streets of the ancient Venetian port city of Piran steeped in history and tradition, before ending in the country's capital, Ljubljana, with picturesque squares, ornate bridges and a laid-back cafe-culture vibe. On this holiday you will witness natural beauty, unique culture and rich history in abundance.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall  90%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sun) Lake Bled Fly from the UK to Slovenia, where you are met and transferred to your hotel on the shores of Lake Bled (3 nights).

Day 2 (Mon) Lake Bled Begin by taking a short transfer to the start of an easy 90-minute walk along the beautiful Vintgar Gorge, passing waterfalls and alpine villages on your way. Return to Lake Bled to visit the iconic Bled Castle built on the massif overlooking the lake, before descending to the shores of the lake itself to take a traditional Slovenian boat to the island in the centre of the lake to visit the famous church where you can ring the bell. Afternoon free. Perhaps walk a loop of the lake, taking in the panoramic view from Mala Ojstrica.

Day 3 (Tue) Lake Bled A free day around Lake Bled. Perhaps take a refreshing dip in the cool waters, hire a bike to explore the beautiful surroundings or enjoy a traditional Slovenian pastry at a lakeside cafe. Or explore further afield, visiting nearby lake Bohinj.

Day 4 (Wed) Lake Bled - Portorož Take a 90-minute journey to the impressively constructed Predjama Castle, built into a cliff cave. Continue to the Postojna Cave system and take an underground train then explore the vast network on foot and marvel at the unique subterranean formations. Enjoy lunch (included) before continuing to the coastal town of Portorož on the Adriatic coast, arriving in the late afternoon (2 nights).

Day 5 (Thu) Portorož Free day in Portorož. Perhaps spend the day relaxing in the seaside town, or take a pleasant one-hour walk taking the coast to the Venetian port of Piran. A 10-minute bus is

also available. Wander the narrow, winding streets of the old town or walk the cobbled street to the hilltop Cathedral of St George with good views over the peninsula. Enjoy fresh seafood at one of the restaurants located along the promenade overlooking the Adriatic Sea.

Day 6 (Fri) Ljubljana Take a 90-minute transfer to the charming capital city of Ljubljana. In the afternoon, take a tour strolling through the medieval old town and marvel at the architectural feats before ascending to Ljubljana Castle by funicular to take in the beautiful panoramic views of the city. Your tour ends with a visit to the bustling central market. You then have free time to further explore the city and perhaps enjoy an evening dining alongside the Ljubljanica River (1 night).

Day 7 (Sat) Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK.



Explore the ancient Venetian port of Piran



Observe wonderful views of Bled Island from around the lake

LAKE BLEĐ

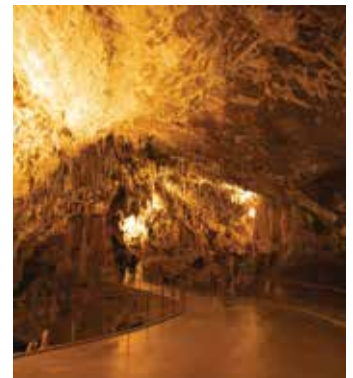
Arguably the most iconic image of Slovenia is that of Lake Bled island, with its spired church standing proud in the centre of the glacial lake surrounded by dramatic mountainous scenery and thick wooded forests. The church, dedicated to the Assumption of Mary, was constructed in the late 15th century and is decorated with intricate frescoes. Wedding ceremonies are frequently held here and it is said to be good luck for the groom to carry his bride up the 99 steps leading to the entrance, before ringing the bell inside the church and making a wish.

The traditional method of accessing Bled Island is via a wooden boat known as a pletna, decorated with colourful awnings and similar in style to a Venetian gondola.

It is possible to walk a complete circuit of the lake along accessible paths and there are several places to take a dip into the cool water. Alternatively, scaling the Ojstrica viewpoint gives amazing views over the lake and landscape. Cycling around the lake is a popular activity and hiring a bike is possible. Or take a more relaxed pace, enjoying a Slovenian pastry at a lakeside cafe.



Stroll through Ljubljana, the Slovenian capital



Descend into the depths of Postojna Cave



Stay on the Adriatic coast in the resort town of Portorož



Relax on the Slovenian Coast



Walk the Vintgar Gorge



Predjama Castle built into the side of a cliff



Enjoy views of the landscape from the heights of Bled Castle



Ascend Ljubljana Castle with views over the city

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Natural Wonders of Slovenia (6 nights) | |
|---|-------------|
| Departure date | |
| 25 June 2023 | 1399 |
| 23 July 2023 | 1499 |
| 3 September 2023 | 1399 |
| 17 September 2023 | 1399 |
| Single supplement* | 400 |
| *single supplement varies. Ask us for details | |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast

Prices from London; regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Lake Bled | Hotel Park |
| Portorož | Boutique Hotel Portorož |
| Ljubljana | Hotel Lev |

Hotels vary on some dates. Ask us for details.

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

ALBANIA THROUGH THE AGES

TIRANA BERAT SARANDË VLORË KRUIË

8 DAYS /7 NIGHTS FROM £1249

HOTELS IN ALBANIA

HOTEL OPERA, TIRANA



Located in central Tirana, just off the main square, the hotel is well-placed to explore the city. The well-appointed rooms are comfortable and spacious.

HOTEL BERAT CASTLE, BERAT



This characterful hotel is located inside the hilltop castle of Berat. The simple rooms are clean and well appointed. The hotel has its own restaurant, bar and terrace.

HOTEL BRILANT, SARANDË



Located at the southern end of the promenade, ideally positioned to walk to the lively seafront. The hotel has a restaurant with good views across the city. Rooms are large, modern and comfortable with en-suite bathrooms, air conditioning and a balcony.

REGINA CITY HOTEL, VLORË



A two minute walk from the beach and promenade, the Regina City Hotel boasts a rooftop restaurant, terrace and swimming pool. The modern rooms are en-suite with air conditioning and balconies.

HOTEL PANORAMA, KRUIË



A large hotel built with traditional architecture, with a large rooftop terrace with a pool and incredible views over the surrounding landscape. The hotel has a number of restaurants. Air-conditioned rooms are spacious and with balconies and en suite bathrooms.



Discover the UNESCO-listed fortified city of Berat

Hidden in the south-eastern corner of the Balkan Peninsula, Albania remains somewhat of a mystery compared to neighbouring countries in the region.

Begin by exploring the bustling capital city of Tirana, discovering the country's recent communist history and the impact this had on the population. Journey south to the historical cities of Berat and Gjirokastër to witness the stone architecture of the traditional Ottoman houses. Enter medieval churches decorated with intricate and mesmerising iconography. Continue south to the laid-back coastal city of Sarandë, surrounded by pristine white-sand beaches lapped by the warm waters of the Adriatic and

Ionian Seas. Explore the ancient Roman and Greek ruins of Butrint and Apollonia, rich in culture and history and with immaculately well-preserved structures.

Then travel the length of the Albanian Riviera flanked by beautiful coastal waters, impressive towering mountains and dense pine forests. Stroll along the promenade of Vlorë and spend the evening in the recently renovated pastel-hued old town. Spot flamingos and pelicans whilst visiting the unique Zverec lagoon monastery. End your tour in the mountains of Krujë overlooking the vast valley below.

Llama Travel Customer Rating

Overall 86%

ITINERARY

Day 1 (Wed) Fly to Tirana, capital of Albania, where you are transferred to your hotel (1 night).

Day 2 (Thu) Tirana - Berat In the morning, take a tour of Tirana for your first introduction to Albania. Visit Bunk'Art 1, a nuclear bunker built into a mountain by the communist government, to learn about life under the regime. In the afternoon, take a scenic two-hour journey to the ancient city of Berat, arriving in the early evening (2 nights).

Day 3 (Fri) Berat A half-day walking tour of the UNESCO world heritage city of Berat. The town can be separated into three distinct areas; the Kalaja, or castle, which stands proud over the valley; and the residential areas of Mangalemi and Gorica below. Learn about the history of the 2,400-year-old town as you walk through the warren-like alleyways, stopping at the Church of the Dormition of St Mary with incredible examples of Orthodox iconography by the famous 16th century painter Onufri. Views are fabulous from atop the Kalaja with the most impressive being the viewpoint overlooking the town. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure to cross the river and explore the area of Gorica or relax in one of the many cafes along the promenade.

Day 4 (Sat) Berat - Sarandë An early departure to Gjirokastër with beautiful views en-route, including glimpses of the Adriatic Sea. Said to be one of Albania's most attractive towns, the tour of Gjirokastër will take you through the heart of the Old Town where the distinct Ottoman architecture is displayed. A visit to the vast fortress gives beautiful views of the town and surrounding valley. Enjoy some free time for lunch before continuing your journey to Sarandë on the Adriatic Coast, where you

have free time to stroll along the promenade and, perhaps, sample some of the fresh seafood (2 nights).

Day 5 (Sun) Sarandë A morning tour of the nearby ancient archaeological ruins of Butrint. Discover the history of the site with remnants of ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and other eras sprawled across the vast national park. In the afternoon relax at the nearby Ksamil Beach with inviting turquoise waters and views out to the Greek Island of Corfu.

Day 6 (Mon) Sarandë - Vlorë Drive along the Albanian Riviera to Vlorë, the Albanian city of independence. You stop at the Venetian Fort of Ali Pasha and the Llogara Pass, with breathtaking views. After lunch (included), take a dip in the Ionian Sea at one of the spectacular white-sand beaches en route, before arriving in the early evening (1 night).

Day 7 (Tue) Vlorë - Krujë Start with a visit to the nearby island monastery of Zverec, situated in the Narta Lagoon, where pelicans and flamingoes can often be spotted. Continue to the ruins of Apollonia with iconic ancient Greek architecture, established in 600 BC. After lunch (included), travel northwards for two hours to the Ottoman hill-town of Krujë, arriving in the early evening (1 night).

Day 8 (Wed) For your final morning, perhaps explore the bazaar where authentic Balkan handicrafts can be purchased, or visit the Skanderbeg Museum or National Ethnographic Museum housed in the walls of the castle. Then take a transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK.

If you would like to extend your stay in Tirana, let us know.



Discover the history of the ancient city of Butrint with Roman and Greek ruins

BUTRINT NATIONAL PARK

Albania boasts some incredible historical sites, and perhaps the most impressive of all are the UNESCO-listed archaeological ruins of the ancient city of Butrint, located a short distance south of Sarandë. Strategically located on the eastern part of the Strait of Corfu, the city was built across a peninsula that is surrounded by Lake Butrint, with channels that connect it to the Ionian Sea.

The history of this fascinating site spans some 2,500 years and the influence of ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine and other eras can easily be seen throughout the 29 square kilometre park.

Key sites of interest that show off the iconic architecture of the various inhabitants of the city include the immaculately well-preserved Roman amphitheatre, the ornate archways of the Grand Basilica and the intricate mosaics of the Baptistry. The site also has two castles; one overlooking the Vivari Channel and another unique triangular Venetian Castle that guards the main entrance to the site.

Aside from the rich historical significance, Butrint is also an important conservation area with a large number of animal and plant species including the golden eagle, the national symbol of Albania.



Skanderbeg Square, Tirana



Sarandë is located on a beautiful bay



The road to Vlorë offers dramatic views of the Albanian Riviera



Roman ruins of the Grand Basilica of Butrint



Take a dip at Ksamil Beach on the Adriatic Coast



Marvel at the ancient Greek ruins of Apollonia



Wander the winding alleys of Berat and walk the promenade



Stroll the cobbled streets of Gjirokastër with impressive architecture

PRICES IN £ PER PERSON

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| Albania Through the Ages (7 nights) | | |
|--|-------------------|------|
| Date of departure | 3 May 2023 | 1249 |
| | 14 June 2023 | 1349 |
| | 6 September 2023 | 1349 |
| | 27 September 2023 | 1299 |
| | 11 October 2023 | 1249 |
| | Single supplement | 225 |

Prices from London; regional departures see p128

Standard hotels included in prices above

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|----------------|--------------------|
| Tirana | Hotel Opera |
| Berat | Hotel Berat Castle |
| Sarandë | Hotel Brilant |
| Vlorë | Regina City Hotel |
| Krujë | Hotel Panorama |

Accommodation is bed and breakfast

Important please read pages 129-30 before booking

YOUR FLIGHTS

CARBON EMISSIONS

Many people are looking to offset their carbon emissions in some way. You can buy 'carbon offsets' from many organisations. The going rate for a long haul holiday is currently about £25. Whilst this is a valid option, we are less comfortable with this approach. Many of these organisations are commercial enterprises. In addition, a lot of the activity they undertake is planting trees, the environmental benefits of which are much disputed.

Llama Travel supports the work of Practical Action, a UK-based development charity. One of the projects we are supporting is the development of renewable energy sources in rural communities. This allows the communities to develop without having to burn resources or use other polluting forms of energy generation and developing a 'carbon habit'.

If you would like to contribute your £25 carbon offset amount to this Practical Action activity, please let us know. We will match your £25, so that Practical Action will receive double your contribution to developing renewable energy projects in Peru.



CHOOSE YOUR FLIGHT

There are usually several flight options to get to your destination. Our holidays are scheduled to use the most advantageous air fare. As there are fewer flights than pre-covid, some routes are filling up quickly, so we recommend booking as soon as possible to get the best airfare. You can choose

which airline you prefer; we will let you know if a supplement is payable. Levels of on board service and facilities, such as entertainment and food, vary by airline and route. Please ask us for details. Flights are sometimes operated by another airline in the appropriate airline alliance.

REGIONAL DEPARTURES

Most airlines offer the option of flying from regional airports in the UK, avoiding the need to make your own way to Heathrow. Due to the timing of flights,

in some cases this may involve an overnight stop in London or another intermediate airport. There is usually a supplement for regional departures.

FLIGHT UPGRADES

Many Llama Travel customers are choosing to upgrade flights to have a more comfortable journey to their destination. Prices for upgrades vary, so we will need to check this each time.

PREMIUM ECONOMY

Many airlines, including British Airways, Iberia, KLM, Virgin and Emirates offer premium economy seats on long haul routes with more comfortable seats which recline further and have more legroom. There are better meals and a bar service. Some airlines don't have premium economy, but offer standard economy class seats with extra legroom for an additional cost.

BUSINESS CLASS

Most airlines have a full business class service on long haul flights, with seats which convert into full flat beds and have a privacy screen, as well as preferential check in and access to business lounges in airports. For flights between the UK and Europe and the Middle East, seats are usually the same as in economy class, although with more personal space and better food.



British Airways World Traveller Plus



Iberia Business Plus

BOOK YOUR OWN FLIGHTS

If you would like to book your own flights, perhaps through an airline loyalty programme, this is not a problem. We will still arrange airport transfers upon your arrival in your destination. Please ask us for

the discount we can offer on our holiday prices. Please do not book flights until we have all services confirmed in destination.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

1. Your contract

Your contract is with Llama Travel Limited, registered in England and Wales, number 4370517. The following conditions will apply to your booking and form part of your contract. They cannot be varied and should be read carefully. A contract will exist when we accept your booking and issue our confirmation invoice. The contract and all matters arising from it shall be governed by English law and be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts. All correspondence will be sent to the lead passenger of the booking unless otherwise advised. You must be over 18 to book a Llama Travel holiday. Llama Travel holidays are not for resale. The lead passenger accepts these booking conditions on behalf of all persons named in the booking.

2. Deposits and final payments

A deposit of 10% of the holiday cost is required. On some occasions a higher deposit is required, we will advise you if this is necessary. When this is received, we will issue a confirmation invoice. The balance of the payment must be paid 90 days before departure. If the booking is made less than 90 days before departure, full payment must be made when booking. On some occasions, earlier balance payment may be required to secure flight seats or other services. In order to secure your holiday arrangements in some cases, we may ask for a payment in advance before we can reserve the appropriate services. This payment is not refundable if you subsequently decide not to proceed with the booking.

3. Our prices

Brochure prices are based on the latest known information at the time of preparation – 2 Dec 2022 (£1 = US\$1.22, £1 = ZAR21, £1 = Euro1.16, Brent Crude oil \$87 per barrel) but can go up or down. Before making a booking, please call us to check the correct up to date price of your chosen holiday.

Once you have made a booking and we have issued our confirmation invoice, your holiday price can only be varied due to a significant increase in charges, fees, taxes, or similar items as a result of governmental action. The VAT rate for holidays outside the UK is zero.

Except for increases in entrance fees or tax increases, such as Air Passenger Duty or VAT, we will not surcharge you.

4. Alterations or cancellations by you

If you wish to alter your holiday arrangements before departure, we will do our best to help. An administration fee of £25 per passenger will be charged, together with any additional costs incurred as a result of the change. If you make any alterations within 60 days of departure, we may treat this as a cancellation, and apply cancellation fees. Scheduled airlines treat name changes as a cancellation and rebooking; any alteration is likely to incur a 100% cancellation charge. Please make sure that all names you give us are spelled exactly as they appear in passports.

It is not normally possible to make alterations after commencement of travel. If you do wish to make alterations during your holiday, cancellation fees for services booked may apply. Refunds cannot be made for any unused accommodation, services or transport. We recommend that you take out full travel insurance with cover against cancellation penalties, including in the event of force majeure; see section 6 below.

We commit to and confirm services in advance. If you wish to cancel your holiday, you must let us know in writing. The following cancellation charges apply:

| <i>Days before departure when you notify us</i> | <i>Penalty</i> |
|---|--|
| 90 days or more | Loss of deposit |
| 61 to 89 days | 25% of holiday cost, or deposit if higher |
| 31 to 60 days | 60% of holiday cost (75% for Galapagos or safari holidays), or deposit if higher |
| 30 days or less | 100% of holiday cost |

In some cases, the balance payment may be due earlier than 90 days before departure. We will advise you if

this is the case. If any part of the balance payment is required earlier than 90 days before departure, this will normally be non-refundable in the event of cancellation.

Where one person in a party cancels and others still wish to travel, single room supplements will be payable if this results in single rooms being used.

5. Alterations or cancellations by us

We make careful arrangements with airlines, hotels and service operators to ensure that we are able to provide you with the holiday as described. However, in exceptional cases, it may be necessary to make changes to your holiday arrangements (including airlines, flights, accommodation, transport or services) due to circumstances beyond our control. Flight times are given only as indications, and finalised times will be shown on your tickets.

When changes are necessary, we will do our best to ensure that they do not affect your holiday. If, before you depart, a major change is necessary (defined as a change of itinerary so that you are no longer able to visit a destination where you are scheduled to spend one or more nights or an appropriate alternative destination, or a change of accommodation to a lower standard or category affecting a significant part of your holiday) or if we have to cancel your holiday, we will contact you and offer you the choice of:

1. Accepting the changes to your holiday;
2. Purchasing another available Llama Travel holiday;
3. Cancelling your holiday with a full refund.

If we have to cancel your holiday less than 60 days before departure, other than in the event of force majeure (see section 6 below), you will be entitled to compensation at the following levels:

| <i>When notified</i> | <i>Compensation per person</i> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 43 – 60 days before departure | £50 |
| 29 – 42 days before departure | £100 |
| 15 – 28 days before departure | £150 |
| 0 – 14 days before departure | £200 |

6. Alterations or cancellations by you or us in the event of force majeure

If, prior to departure, we have to make major changes to, or cancel, your holiday in the event of force majeure, we will contact you and offer you the above choices. However, compensation will not be paid.

If, in the event of force majeure, it is not possible for your holiday to proceed, we will endeavour to recover from suppliers, and refund to you, monies paid for your holiday, but where we are unable to do so, you may be able to claim for irrecoverable costs from your travel insurance. We do not accept liability where the performance of our contractual obligations is prevented by force majeure.

Force majeure events include war, threat of war, civil unrest or strife, decisions by governments or governing authorities, epidemic, natural disasters, fire, bad weather, terrorist activity, nuclear disaster, industrial disputes, technical or maintenance problems with transport, changes of timetables of airlines, or other causes beyond our control.

7. Minimum group size

Most holidays can operate with a minimum of 2 passengers, but some holidays have a higher minimum group size. If we have fewer than the minimum number of passengers, we will let you know two months before departure. In this case, we will refund you any monies paid or offer you an alternative option. No compensation will be paid.

8. Our responsibilities to you

Llama Travel is dedicated to ensuring that your holiday is as described. If a part of your holiday is not provided as promised, please inform us at the time. If this affects the reasonable enjoyment of your holiday, we will pay compensation appropriate to the circumstances. If you do not inform us at the time, Llama Travel accepts no responsibility for the situation as we will not have been given the opportunity to rectify the problem.

Llama Travel accepts responsibility for illness, personal injury or death caused as a direct result of the negligence

of our employees or suppliers while acting in the course of their employment to provide services or arrangements for your holiday that you have booked with us in the UK. We do not accept responsibility for illness, personal injury or death where there has been no fault of our employees, agents, suppliers or sub-contractors, or as a result of taking part in any activity which does not form part of the holiday booked through us in the UK. Where illness, personal injury or death arises in the course of air travel, rail travel, sea travel or hotel accommodation, the amount of compensation you may receive is limited in accordance with the provisions of any International Convention.

9. Your responsibilities

Clients are responsible for ensuring that all immigration and health requirements are fulfilled, for obtaining travel documents, including passports, visas and vaccination certificates, and for ensuring that these are all in order, including for any intermediate stops on international flights. Covid-19 requirements are updated frequently in all countries and you must ensure that you comply with these in the UK, in destinations visited and in any intermediary stops. You must comply with local regulations regarding prevention measures which may be stricter than in the UK. Non-compliance may result in you being excluded from the holiday with no refund. You must not travel if you are required to isolate by health authorities and standard cancellation terms will apply. If you are required to isolate when on holiday, you will not be entitled to a refund for unused services, including flights. You accept the risks of catching covid-19, being required to isolate or be tested and we recommend you have suitable travel insurance to cover such circumstances.

We require your passport details to issue some tickets. If these change after you have given them to us, you must inform us. If the name on your airline ticket does not match that on your passport, you must inform us as soon as you receive the ticket.

It is your responsibility to behave in a responsible, restrained and sober manner when dealing with local authorities, fellow travellers and our representatives.

By taking a Llama Travel holiday, you agree to accept the authority and decisions of our employees and representatives. If, in the opinion of such people, your behaviour or health is likely to threaten the safety, comfort or progress of a tour, then you may be excluded from the tour without refund or compensation. It is your responsibility to obey local laws, otherwise you may be excluded from the holiday and we will cease to have any responsibility for you.

Please bear in mind that travel to Llama Travel destinations is not the same as travel in the UK, and inconveniences and delays may arise due to weather conditions, strikes, demonstrations, the poor state of roads or for other reasons. By travelling with Llama Travel, you are implicitly accepting this part of the way of life in these countries.

10. Flights

We have no control over international or national air carriers, and therefore schedules or airlines used may change or flights be delayed due to no fault of our own. A change of flight time or airline due to schedule changes or flight cancellations is not treated as a major change. We will try to ensure the smooth flow of all your transport connections, but it is your responsibility to check exact times of flights. This is particularly important for internal flights, which can be rescheduled at short notice. Llama Travel accepts no responsibility for the consequences of flights missed due to the client's failure to confirm exact details.

When you travel with an airline, the Conditions of Carriage of that airline apply, some of which will limit or exclude liability. These conditions are the subject of International Agreements between countries.

It is your responsibility to arrive at the departure airport at the appropriate time and to check in for your international flight, and to change aeroplanes if necessary at intermediate airports. If you wish to sit in a specific seat, or wish to sit with other people on the flight, it is

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

recommended that you check in early or check in online where possible. It is sometimes possible to reserve seats directly with the airline online prior to travel.

Airlines do not allow more than one booking per passenger on a flight and may cancel seats if they are held by more than one operator. Clients are responsible for ensuring they are not holding flights with another operator.

11. Baggage allowance

Most airlines have a baggage allowance of 20kg per passenger, or sometimes less. Carrying excess baggage will normally incur an expensive additional cost payable at check in. Additionally, certain excursions have a limited baggage allowance. Where this is the case, you will usually be able to leave the rest of your luggage in storage. Llama Travel accepts no responsibility for the delay, loss or damage of luggage.

12. Insurance

You must have adequate insurance provision to cover the cost of assistance, including emergency repatriation, in the event of illness or other problems occurring during your holiday.

13. Complaints

If you have any complaints about your holiday arrangements when you are abroad, please bring these to the attention of our local representatives who will do all they can to ensure a swift and satisfactory resolution. Problems can usually be sorted out by talking to the supplier concerned (e.g. hotel) and our local representatives or by informing us directly. If this is not done, Llama Travel accepts no responsibility for the situation, as we will not have been given the opportunity to rectify the problem. If you do not inform us, your consumer rights to compensation may be affected. If you have tried and failed to rectify the situation whilst abroad, please send us your complaint in writing within 28 days of returning to the UK. We will then follow up your complaint. Communication with destinations is often slow, so we may not be able to resolve the situation as quickly as you would like.

14. Financial protection for bookings made in UK for UK residents

The air holidays in this brochure are ATOL protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority, number ATOL 5804. If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. For holidays not including flights, bookings are insured by IPP Ltd and its Panel of Insurers. For further information, see www.ipplondon.co.uk.

15. Brochure and website information

The information in our brochures and on our website is, to the best of our knowledge, correct at the time of going to press. However, details of flights or hotels may vary during the lifetime of a brochure. These changes will be reflected on our website where possible.

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16. Data Protection

The information we ask you to provide, including personal information about you and members of your party, is necessary for us to arrange and operate your holiday. By booking a holiday with us, you agree to our processing this information, including, where appropriate, its transfer outside of the UK.

How to Book

To book a holiday or discuss your requirements, please call us on 020 7263 3000. We can usually confirm availability immediately, but may need to check with a supplier first.

Payment

There is no charge for bank transfers or cheques or for deposits on UK debit cards or standard UK Visa and MasterCard credit cards. Balance payments can be made by cheque or bank transfer only. We are unable to accept cash. Our bank details are: Llama Travel Ltd, Account No: 40738998, Sort Code 09-06-66.

What's included in the price

Prices are based on two persons sharing a room and include all flights, transfers and accommodation.

Where applicable, entrance fees, taxes and charges are included in our prices at the rates advised to us at the time of preparation. An adjustment will be made to your price if any of these change before your holiday.

Passports and Visas

British nationals require a visa to visit certain countries. E-Visas are available online for Sri Lanka, Vietnam (for stays over 15 days), India and Kenya, but must be requested in advance. The Jordan visa is included in the price of your holiday. A visa is required to enter Zimbabwe (for Victoria Falls), which can be purchased upon entry. The Kaza Univisa (current cost US\$50) allows you to cross the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe and also allows for day trips to Botswana. For British passports endorsed in any way and all other passports, please ask the appropriate consulate or high commission. You need a full 10 year passport valid for 6 months after your return to the UK. To enter some countries, you require two blank pages in your passport. If combining countries, you may need more blank pages. If you are flying via the US or Canada, you need to comply with US or Canadian immigration requirements. If you are flying via Europe, you will need to comply with local transit requirements. Ask us for details.

If children under 18 are travelling, especially if not travelling with both parents, some countries require extensive documentation, including unabridged birth certificates and other official documents. South Africa has recently loosened these requirements, although we have been advised that in some cases birth certificates are still being requested upon entry, so we recommend taking these in all cases. Please consult the appropriate consulate for more information.

To issue some tickets, we require passport details and ages when you book. If you subsequently change your passport, please let us know as soon as possible.

Hotel grading

Official hotel ratings vary from country to country. Our standard hotels are tourist class hotels. Superior hotels usually offer better facilities and more comfort. More details on each hotel can be found on our website.

Hotel rooms

If you have a preference for a twin or a double room, please let us know. However, we cannot guarantee this as hotels do not allocate rooms until the day of arrival. Despite costing more per person, single rooms do not always offer the same level of comfort as doubles. Some hotel bathrooms have showers instead of baths. If you prefer a bath, please ask. If you arrive at a hotel before check-in time, your room may not be ready. You will be able to use the hotel facilities until your room is ready. Check out time is usually in the late morning. A charge is normally made for late check out.

Tickets and vouchers

You will receive tickets approximately 10 days before departure, along with information on accommodation, transfers and excursions. Please check airline tickets carefully in case timings have changed after we issued your confirmation.

Excursions and Extensions

Excursions are operated together with other holidaymakers. These will usually be in English, although groups are sometimes a mix of English and other languages. A minimum of 2 people is required

for some excursions. On some occasions, the order of excursions may vary.

Insurance

Adequate travel insurance is essential. We do not sell or recommend any specific policy. A list of insurance companies that our customers have found suitable is available from us. Please advise your insurer of any pre-existing medical conditions and, if you are booking a holiday involving high-altitude trekking, such as the Inca Trail, make sure that you are covered for this. If you are planning on carrying out any other activities, please ensure your insurance policy will cover you for these. Note that cancellation cover is often only available if insurance is purchased at the time of booking your holiday.

Age and fitness limitations

For most of our holidays, age is not a concern. However, a reasonable level of fitness is required, as most holidays require some walking, sometimes on uneven ground. Even relatively mild activities can be strenuous at altitude. High altitude trekking is more strenuous than an equivalent length walk in the UK.

Health and vaccinations

Please consult your GP or a travel clinic about health and vaccination requirements. Advice for travellers is available at www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. Yellow fever and / or malaria precautions are recommended for visiting some countries. Yellow Fever certificates are sometimes required if you have recently visited a country with an infected area. Some GPs do not recommend yellow fever vaccinations for travellers over 60 years old. If you are pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant, please speak to your GP about zika. Children under 6 require proof of vaccination against polio to enter Brazil. Please seek medical advice before you travel.

Covid-19 entry requirements are updated frequently. Please check government travel advice for the latest information.

Parts of South America are at high altitude. Most visitors do not suffer major problems. However, shortness of breath is common and we advise you to take things calmly during your first day at altitude. If you suffer from a heart or lung condition, or think that you may suffer due to the altitude, please consult your GP.

When travelling, stomach illnesses are not uncommon due to changes in diet. We suggest you only drink bottled water and avoid ice in drinks. If you are unsure if salads and fruit have been washed in purified water, it is best to avoid them.

If you suffer from a disability or condition and are worried whether this will affect the enjoyment of a holiday, please call us. We will do our best to help. We recommend that you bring any medicines you require from the UK.

Outside of major cities, medical facilities can be basic, meaning a lengthy transfer if hospital attention is required.

Your safety and security

Most people who travel to the countries where Llama Travel operates experience no problems on holiday. However, as is the case anywhere in the world, crime can be a problem, especially in large cities. Tourists can appear attractive targets to criminals. To minimise the risk, use common sense. Do not display signs of wealth, such as expensive looking jewellery or cameras. Avoid empty streets, especially on your own. Take a taxi after dark. By taking sensible precautions, you should have a trouble-free holiday.

Each country has its own standards for health and safety, but these are often not as good as in the UK. We take this into account when selecting hotels and request that they comply with local regulations, but cannot guarantee that these are equivalent to British standards. Please take reasonable precautions to protect yourselves whilst on holiday, e.g. by locating fire exit routes.

Please also check government travel advice for the countries you are visiting at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.

Excellent holiday from start to finish. Far outweighed our expectations. We used the standard accommodation which was spot on for both location & comfort. No need to upgrade. Highlight was

Just absolutely fabulous. Was a place to visit on my bucket list & the trip was WONDERFUL. Thank you.

I would recommend Llama Travel to anyone. Brilliant service

This was the 3rd time that I've been to Galapagos (2nd time with Llama). We enjoyed this trip the most. The boat was excellent, the crew outstanding - particularly our guide.

IT WAS OUR 4TH TRIP WITH LLAMA. ONCE AGAIN WE WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE TRIP AND WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT ADVENTURE WITH YOU. AS WITH OTHER TRIPS YOUR LOCAL AGENTS WERE GREAT. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

FANTASTIC HOLIDAY! OUR GUIDE PERCY WAS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND GREAT AT SPOTTING THINGS WE WOULD NEVER HAVE SEEN. ROBERTO THE DRIVER WAS EXCELLENT.

Whole trip was excellent and exceeded expectations.

I considered this was one of my best holidays ever.

I would utterly recommend Llama Travel.

AN EXCELLENT HOLIDAY. LLAMA TRAVEL WAS RECOMMEND TO ME AND I WILL DO THE SAME.

AWESOME HOLIDAY, THANKS TO GUERTING AT LLAMA AND A BIG THANKS

The Lebala Safari was exceptional

Another amazing, well organised, brilliant trip with Llama Travel. Thank you! The Galapagos Islands were fantastic & exceeded my expectations. I absolutely loved it.

Fabulous holiday with great service pre-tour and during. Fascinating & detailed history

Holiday was fantastic

LOVED COSTA RICA - CALUIRE LODGE WAS FABULOUS.

Above & beyond experience. Everything went to plan, a great adventure.

We can't praise too highly our guide and driver - they felt like family! The holiday was

one of the most enjoyable trips of just a week that we have ever done. Thank you Llama Travel

The best holiday ever

One of the best guides we have had anywhere.

Overall the holiday was excellent, from the booking to the end. Driver and tour guide

Thank you so much, you have helped create wonderful honeymoon memories. You've been fab from start to finish. Thank you!

We had an absolutely fabulous holiday. Would definitely recommend the Botswana Mobile Safari, the camp sites, food, company staff, and experiences absolutely amazing.

A fantastic holiday. We had high expectations but it exceeded them. A great country to visit, so much to see and do. The local guides ensured that everything ran like clockwork leaving us to relax & enjoy ourselves. Friendly locals, excellent food & spectacular scenery, sights & wildlife.

This was our second holiday with Llama and you do not disappoint

ONE OF THE BEST HOLIDAYS I HAVE HAD - THANK YOU!

A well organised and thoroughly enjoyable trip. GREAT SERVICE BEFORE AND DURING THE HOLIDAY. ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAPPENED SEAMLESSLY. GUIDES AND OTHER PERSONNEL WERE PLEASANT.

Another highlight is we Llama Travel again, one in a lifetime holiday we have recommended both to family & friends

THE HOLIDAY WAS EXCELLENT, AS OUR 7TH LLAMA TRAVEL HOLIDAY YOU STILL HAVEN'T DISAPPOINTED.

We wish Llama Travel covered other destinations as we feel very safe putting our travel in your hands. Thank you!!!

This Albanian tour exceeded our expectations and was very well co-ordinated. Our guide Albania was knowledgeable & helpful

can't put into words how fantastic the whole Inca Trail experience was.

We have done lots of independent travel over the years, but only a couple organised trips, so were not sure what to expect. Everything was brilliant, very organised, went like clockwork.

We loved this tour and Kenneth was a fantastic

Really good food, everywhere. Really friendly people, everywhere! Really appreciated the small group. A really good holiday.

As a time traveller with Llama Travel the trip was fantastic & would recommend you to others & look forward to travel with you again in the future. Great value for money

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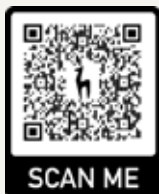


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